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TEAM SUMMER A
BAN

HE'S AN EXPERT ON MEDICAL CARE. HE'S A QUIET PERSON.

TEAM SPRING
FUJIKO AMACHA

SHE WANTS TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN. SHE MET WITH A FLOOD DISASTER, AND HAS BEEN MISSING EVER SINCE.

TEAM WINTER
TAKAHIRO ARAMAKI

FORMER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYER WHO'S BEEN WANDERING AROUND ON HIS OWN FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS. HE'S VERY SENSITIVE.

TEAM SPRING
HANA SUGURONO

AN OPTIMISTIC GIRL WHO LEARNED EVERYTHING ABOUT SURVIVING IN THE WILDERNESS FROM HER FATHER.

TEAM AUTUMN
KURUMI SHIKANO

SOFT-HEARTED GIRL WHO'S EXPECTING A CHILD FATHERED BY HER TEAMMATE RYUSEI.

TEAM SPRING
CHISA TAIAMI

MILD-MANNERED BUT STRONG-WILLED YOUNG WOMAN WHO DISPLAYS THE FEMININE VIRTUES OF OLD JAPAN. SHE WENT MISSING TOGETHER WITH FUJIKO.

TEAM SUMMER A
AYU

SHE'S AN EXPERT ON PLANTS. SHE'S ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER WITH ARAMAKI.

TEAM SUMMER B
ARASHI AOTA

YOUNG MAN WITH A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE. HE'S THE BOYFRIEND OF HANA FROM TEAM SPRING.

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WE ARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND A HUGE METEORITE HAS COLLIDED WITH THE EARTH.

ALL LIVING BEINGS, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RACE, WERE ELIMINATED. THE GOVERNMENT, WHO HAD FORESEEN THIS WORST CASE SCENARIO, TOOK A CERTAIN COUNTERMEASURE: PROJECT SEVEN SEEDS, FOR WHICH 5 TEAMS OF SEVEN TALENTED AND CAREFULLY SELECTED BOYS AND GIRLS WERE BUILT AND PUT INTO COLD SLEEP TO SECURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE.

THE AWAKENED BOYS AND GIRLS WERE SUDDENLY EXPOSED TO A SEVERE ENVIRONMENT. AS THEY STRUGGLED FOR SURVIVAL, THEY LOST THEIR FRIENDS TO DEATH, NEVER TO SEE THEM AGAIN. A MIX OF THE TWO SUMMER TEAMS, NATSU AND THE OTHERS GOT STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA, AND WHEN A MYSTERIOUS SHIP APPEARED BEFORE THEM, THEY DECIDED TO EXPLORE IT. BECAUSE THEY ENTERED IT, THE SYSTEM OF THE BIG SHIP WAS REACTIVATED AND A COUNTDOWN FOR THE LAUNCH OF A NUCLEAR MISSILE AND THE SELF-DESTRUCTION OF THE SHIP STARTED. THE GROUP SPARED NO EFFORTS TO STOP THE MISSILE LAUNCH BUT THEIR ATTEMPTS FAILED. WHILE THEY TRIED TO EVACUATE OUT OF NECESSITY, THE SHIP WAS PUT OUT OF ACTION BY IRON-EATING BACTERIA WHICH PROLIFERATED ON BOARD, AND THEY NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.

AT THE SAME TIME, HANA, WHO'D BEEN SWEPT AWAY IN A RAPID STREAM AND CONSIDERED DEAD, WAS WASHED UP ASHORE, ALIVE. ONE NIGHT, SHE MADE OUT THE FIGURE OF SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE FUJIKO WHOM SHE'D PARTED FROM LONG AGO...!

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Awakening of Insects Chapter 3
[— Foodstuffs —]
FUJIKO-CHAN?!
IT'S SO DARK AND SHE'S SO FAR AWAY THAT I CAN'T SEE HER VERY WELL.
SO IT MIGHT NOT BE HER.

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WHO'S THAT...
OVER THERE?
HELLO!
SHE'S ALIVE?!
IS THAT YOU, FUJIKO-CHAN?
SHE SURVIVED ?!
...
WHO'S THERE ?!
HELLO!
SHE'S ALIVE?!

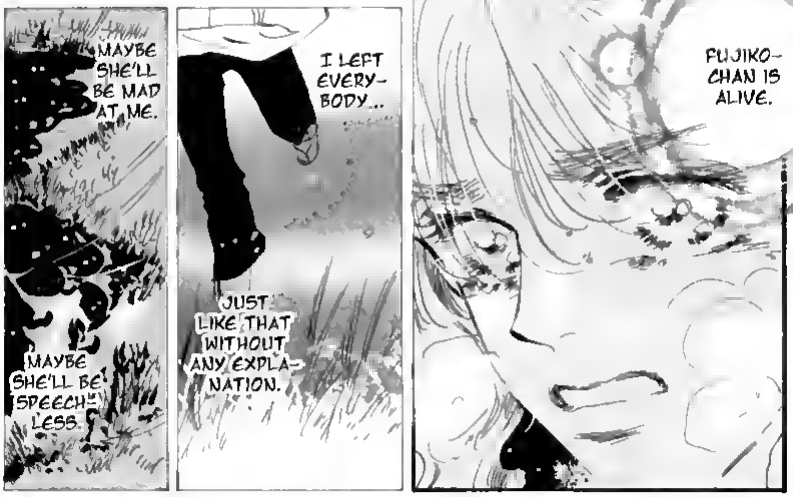
YES, IT'S ME.
...HANA-CHAN?!

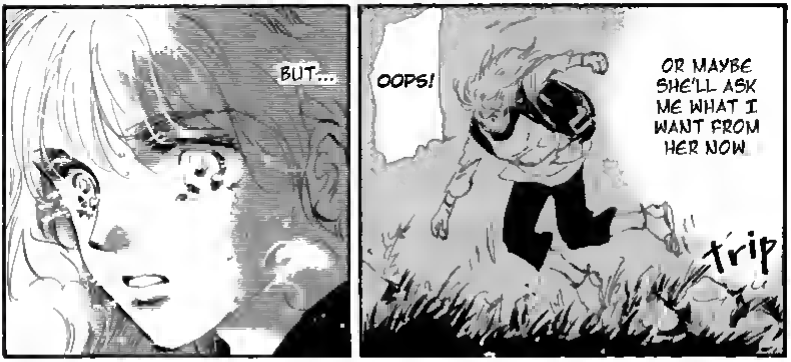
IT'S ME, HANA!
FUJIKO-CHAN, BY ANY CHANCE?!
ARE YOU...

I'M ON THE LEDGE OPPOSITE OF YOU!
I'LL COME OVER RIGHT AWAY!

WHERE ARE YOU?!

BUT I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL MORNING.
MOVING AROUND AT NIGHT IS RISKY,
IS THE MOON SHINING BRIGHTER THAN BEFORE?
I don't have any wood to make a torch out of
GUYS, DON'T WANDER AROUND.
STAY WHERE YOU ARE.
I don't think that they understand me though
BECAUSE IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO GO DOWN THERE
SQUISH
THE GROUND IS DARK.
I CAN'T TELL IF SOMETHING IS HIDING THERE.
huff
huff
huff
huff
SHE'S ALIVE...
huff
huff
huff
I'LL STICK AS CLOSE TO THE ROCK AS POSSIBLE,
AND AVOID THE WATER WHILE CROSSING OVER


MAYBE SHE'LL BE MAD AT ME.
MAYBE SHE'LL BE SPEECHLESS.
I LEFT EVERYBODY...
JUST LIKE THAT WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION.
FUJIKO-CHAN IS ALIVE.


BUT...
OOPS!
OR MAYBE SHE'LL ASK ME WHAT I WANT FROM HER NOW.
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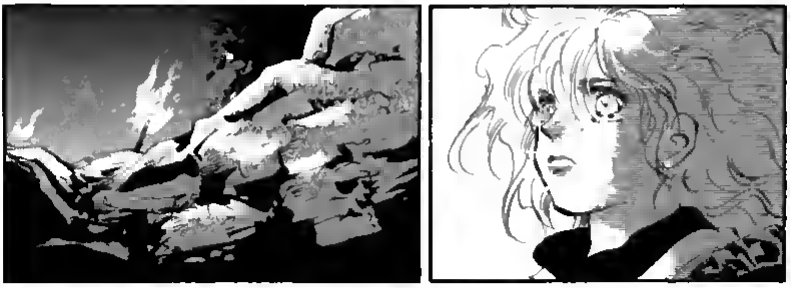

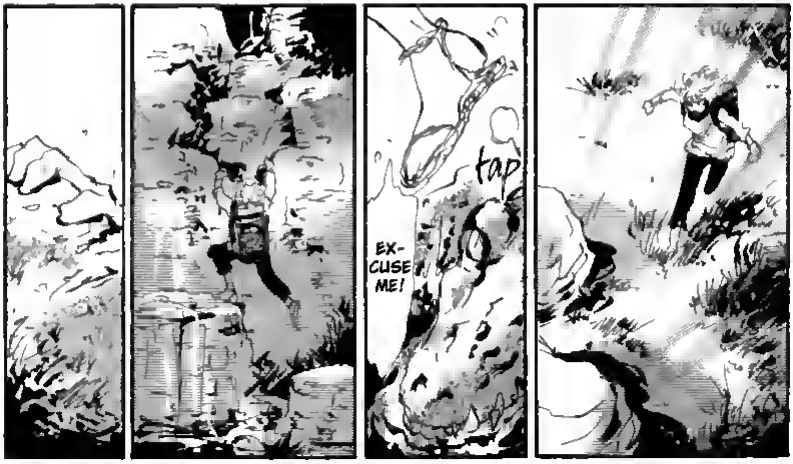
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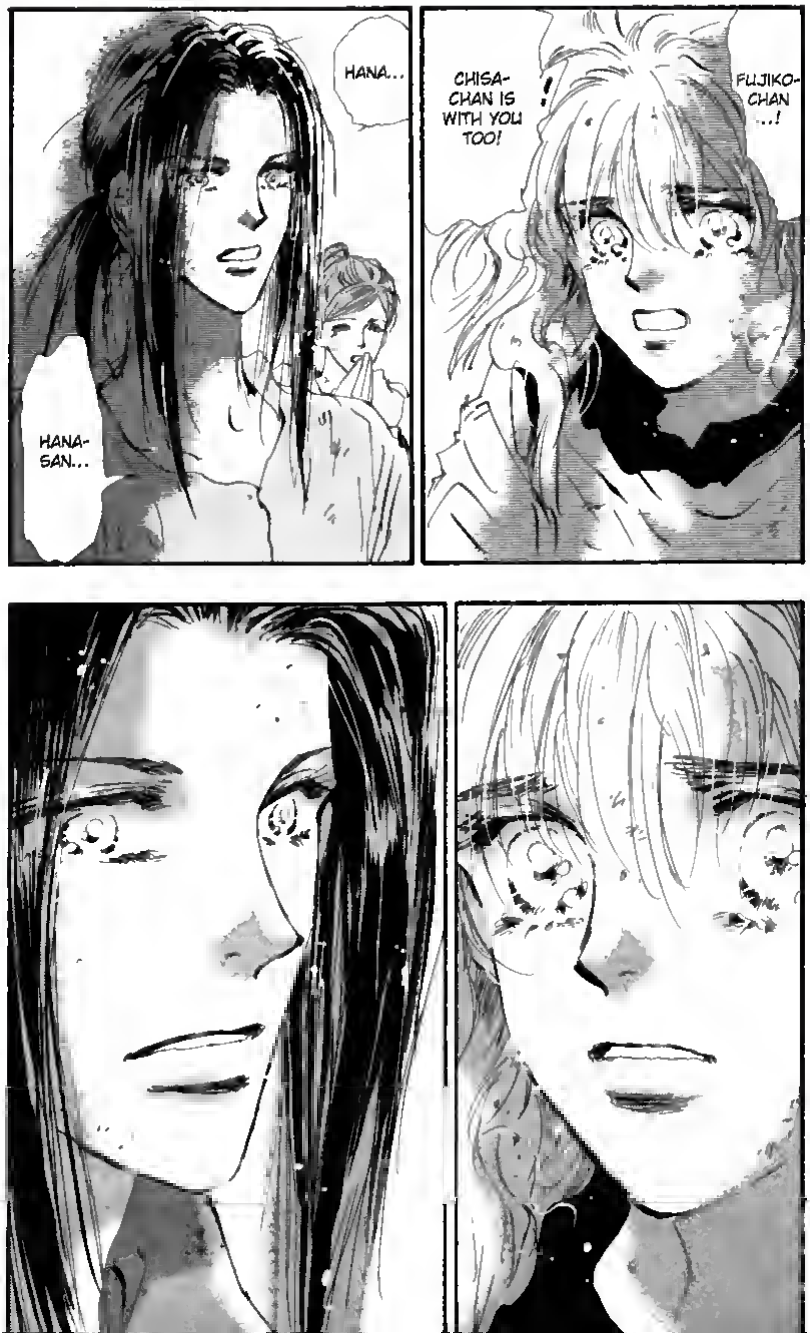
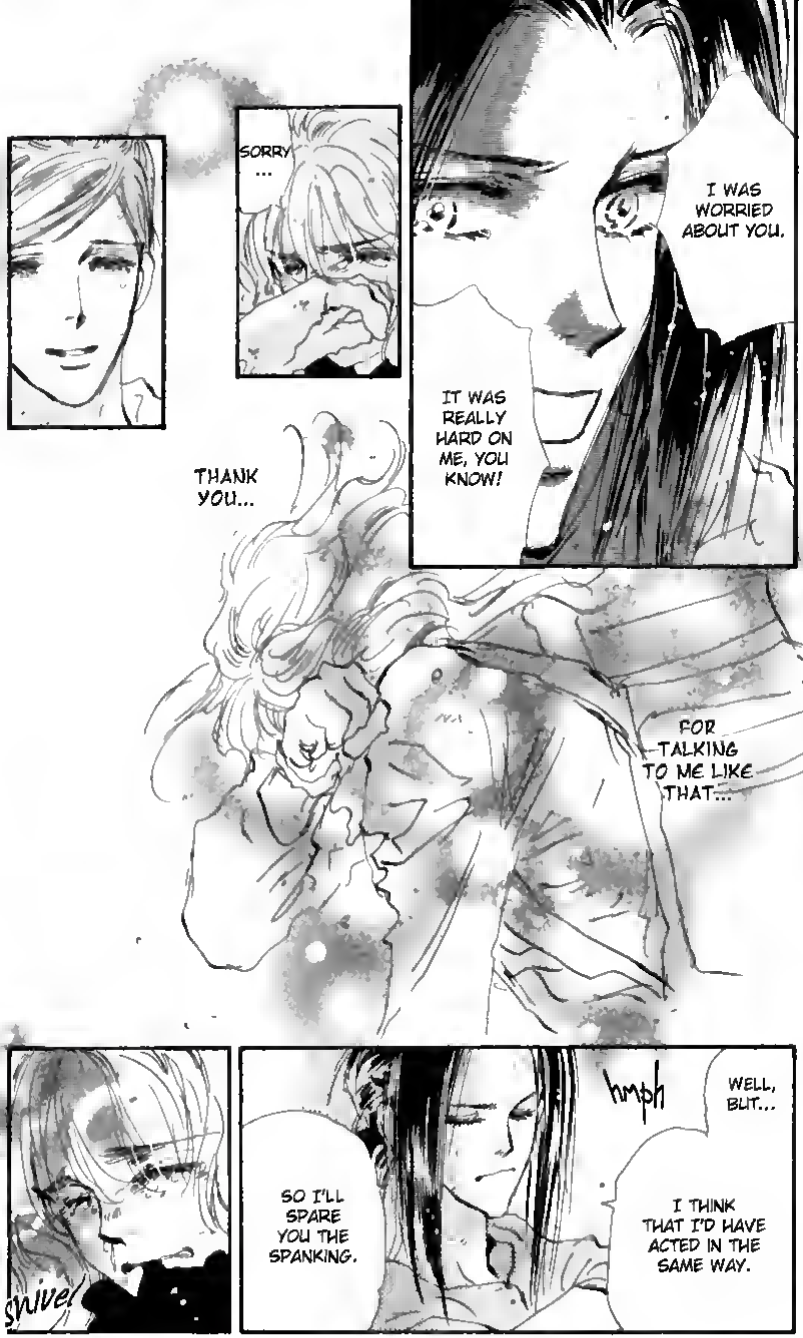
ME!


HANA...
HANA-SAN...
CHISA-CHAN IS WITH YOU TOO!
FUJIKO-CHAN ...!

YOU'RE ALIVE.

I FEEL TOO ASHAMED TO DO IT.
FOR LIGHTING THOSE TORCHES..
LIKE THAT I MIGHT SMELL OR SOMETHING.
THANKS...
BUT...
I'D LIKE TO FLING MY ARMS AROUND HER JUST LIKE FOREIGNERS DO
BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT UN-NECESSARY THINGS
SO BADLY.
TO SEE HER AGAIN...
I WANTED...
...HANA.
Sniff
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, CHISA-CHAN.
Tee hee hee
You're a real lady.
SHE'S RIGHT. AND AFTER YOU WERE ALWAYS SO LADY-LIKE.
YOU LOOK LIKE SOME SAVAGE.
ha ha ha
YOUR..
HAIR IS A MESS.

MY SKIN...
BROKE OUT IN A RASH WITH VIOLET PUSTULES...
sniff
I WANTED TO SPANK YOU...
WHEN I SAW YOU AGAIN.
WHAT HAPPENED ?
IT SPREAD FAST.
I ASKED ARAMAKI-SAN ABOUT IT,
AND HE TOLD ME THAT I'D BE COVERED BY IT ALL OVER...
I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR.
AND I DIDN'T WANT TO BE SEEN LIKE THAT...
I KNEW IT...
SO, IT WAS SOME-THING LIKE THAT..
BUT...
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT IT.


SORRY ...
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
IT WAS REALLY HARD ON ME, YOU KNOW!
THANK YOU...
FOR TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT...
sniv
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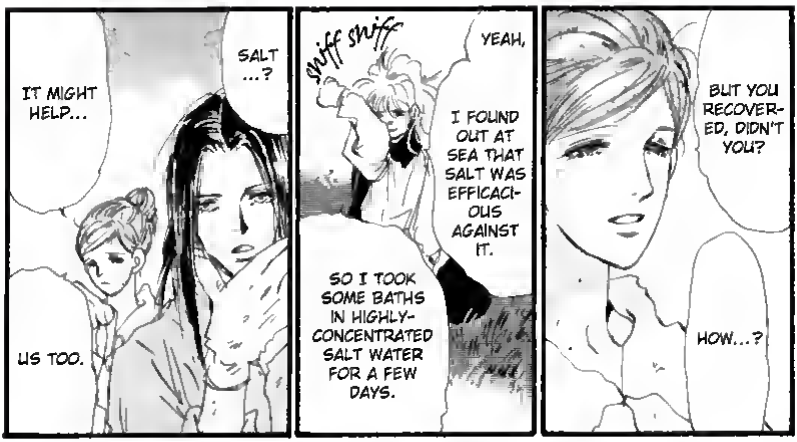
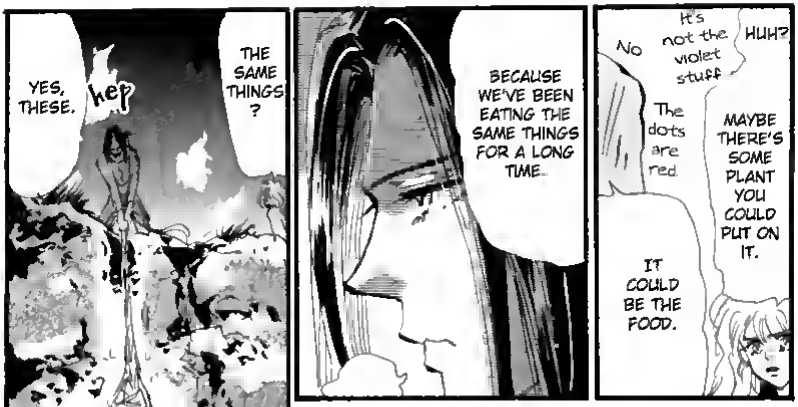
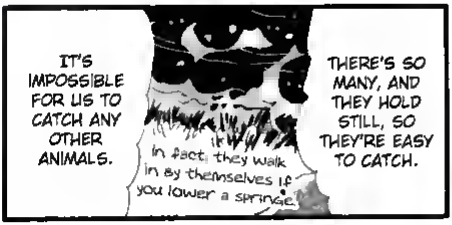
WELL, BUT...
I THINK THAT I'D HAVE ACTED IN THE SAME WAY.
SO I'LL SPARE YOU THE SPANKING.


SALT ...?
IT MIGHT HELP...
US TOO.
sniff sniff
YEAH,
I FOUND OUT AT SEA THAT SALT WAS EFFICACIOUS AGAINST IT.
SO I TOOK SOME BATHS IN HIGHLY-CONCENTRATED SALT WATER FOR A FEW DAYS.
BUT YOU RECOVERED, DIDN'T YOU?
HOW...?

Isn't it?
IT'S ITCHING.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT IT.
FOR SOME REASON, WE BROKE OUT IN A RASH.


YES, THESE.
hep
THE SAME THINGS ?
BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN EATING THE SAME THINGS FOR A LONG TIME.
No
It's not the violet stuff
HUH?
The dots are red.
MAYBE THERE'S SOME PLANT YOU COULD PUT ON IT.
IT COULD BE THE FOOD.

THEY LOOK SIMILAR.
So those many creatures in the water are these guys?
Probably
A SALA-MAN-DER?

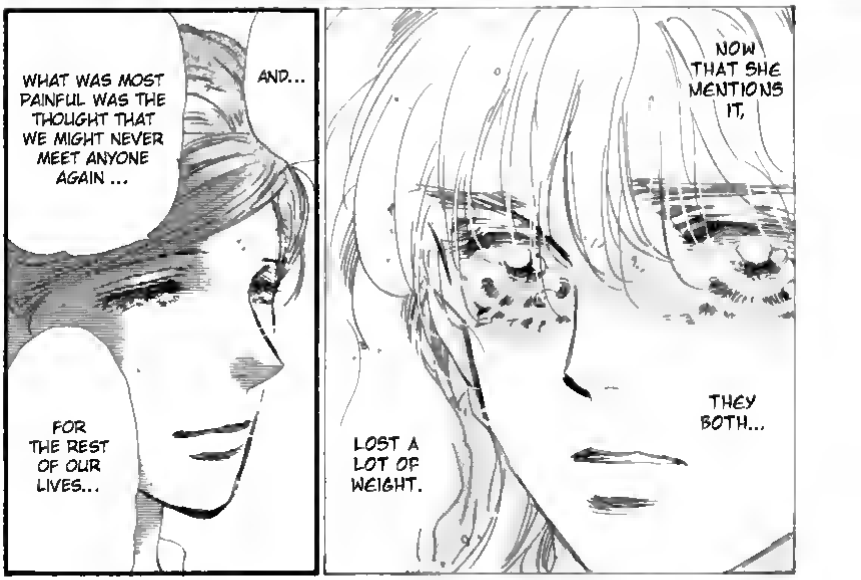

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CATCH ANY OTHER ANIMALS.
In fact, they walk in by themselves if you lower a spring!
THERE'S SO MANY, AND THEY HOLD STILL, SO THEY'RE EASY TO CATCH.

ALL RIGHT!
LET'S EXCHANGE STORIES...
DURING DINNER!

WERE YOU ABLE TO JOIN UP WITH HARU AND ARAMAKI-SAN?
YES,
WE WERE TOGETHER UP UNTIL A WHILE AGO...

NO,
AH...
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.
IS TSUNO-MATA WITH YOU TOO?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE MEAL.
SURE.
Come this way, Hana-chan.
FUJIKO-SAN LOOKS HAPPY.
SHE HASN'T BEEN CHEERFUL LATELY.
ALL WE DID WAS SEARCH FOR FOOD DAY AFTER DAY.
OUR BODIES WEAKENED WE BROKE OUT IN A RASH
AND LOST ALL HOPE.


NOW THAT SHE MENTIONS IT,
THEY BOTH...
LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT.
AND...
WHAT WAS MOST PAINFUL WAS THE THOUGHT THAT WE MIGHT NEVER MEET ANYONE AGAIN ...
FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES...

rub
HANA-SAN.
YOU CHEERED US UP,
THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD...
THAT WE WERE ABLE TO REJOIN, TOO.
SALAMANDER HOTPOT!
Steam
Truth is that it mostly consists of water and it's low in calories.
We just cut it up roughly and boil it in water
IT'S COLLA-GEN?!
SOME-THING LIKE THAT ISN'T IMPORTANT NOW.
Is it?
ALL OF IT IS SOMETHING LIKE GELATIN.
YOU KNOW, THIS ISN'T MEAT.
Oh!
THIS SHOULD BECOME A NICE STOCK!
LET'S ADD SOME DRIED SHRIMPS AND MUSSELS.
AND WHILE I'M AT IT,
AH,
I HAVE SEA SALT, IF YOU WANT SOME.
WE'RE OUT OF ROCK SALT...
It's tough, though.
So I can't flavor it.

I'D LIKE TO EAT SOME REAL MEAT.
EVEN FISH OR CHICKEN WOULD BE WELCOME.
sigh
I knew it.
HAVE YOU BEEN AT THE SEASIDE ALL THIS TIME?
NO, I WAS HERE AND THERE.
I GOT TO THE COAST ONLY RECENTLY.
DID YOU SEE ANY NORMAL FISH?
NOPE.
Only rays and jellyfish.
SHE...
IS RIGHT.
THAT VEGETABLES...
ARE SOMETHING THAT WERE CULTIVATED FOR US BY OTHERS.
I was supposed to know that though
NONE OF THEM GROW IN THE WILDERNESS.
I'M FED UP WITH ALL THE TOUGH NUTS AND ROOTS OF THE TREES AROUND HERE.
VEGETABLES, TOO.
I'd even like to eat those hateful carrots.
I ONLY REALIZED IT AFTER COMING HERE.

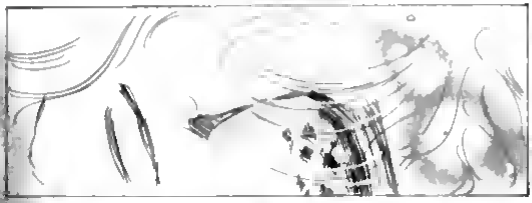
Enjoy!
Salamander has a strange bite to it.
It's delicious.
It's stock, after all. And it's flavored
We ate up everything! Thanks for the meal!
THAT WOULD BE A WASTE.
LET'S EAT IT.
For dessert
WHY DON'T YOU TRY APPLYING IT?
Maybe it'll be effective.
I HAVE ALOE, IF YOU WANT SOME.
I found a lot on my way here.
WELL,
CHISA-CHAN AND I WERE DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS...
TO GATHER ROCK SALT AND FIREWOOD.
AND THEN, THERE WAS A FLOOD,
WE WERE WANDERING FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN SEARCH FOR FOOD.
AND WHEN THE DRY SEASON STARTED, WE ALSO HAD TO SEARCH FOR WATER.
LUCKILY, WE HAD OUR STUFF ON US,
SO THE TWO OF US WENT OFF ON OUR OWN.
THE TERRAIN HAD CHANGED,
AND WE COULDN'T GO BACK TO OUR STARTING POINT ANYMORE.
AND THINGS BECAME CHAOTIC
WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FLEE WHILE WE WERE STILL ABLE TO.

EVERYTHING WAS COVERED BY VOLCANIC ASH THERE AND PITCH-BLACK.
I...
WAS IN THE WEST.
It's been two or three months, huh?
FINALLY, WE SETTLED DOWN HERE.
AND THEN, WE HEADED BACK TO THE EAST TOGETHER TO JOIN UP WITH YOU AND THE OTHERS.
YEAH.
YOU MET OTHER TEAMS?!
AUTUMN ?!
AND MET TEAM AUTUMN THERE ..
WE FOUND A SHELTER..
REALLY?!
Thank God! You met him?!
Yeah.
TEAM SUMMER A TOOK HIM IN.
AH,
NOBITA IS DOING FINE.
He was wounded though.
I'M GLAD THEY'RE SAFE...
I FELT RE-GRET.
FIGURES.
BUT THERE, EVERY-THING WAS GONE...
Both the houses and fields
SO, EVERY-THING WAS WASHED AWAY.

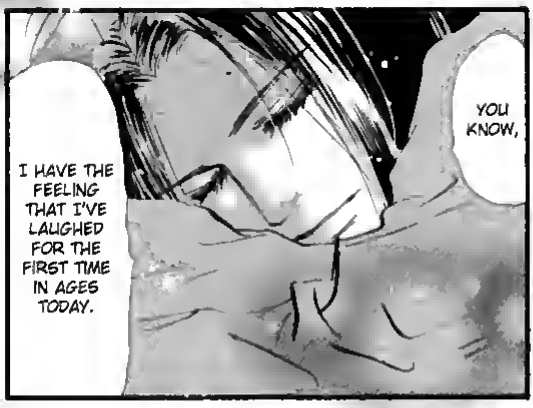
...I REMEMBER SOMETHING.
THOSE TWO NEARLY KILLED ME.
YEAH.
SUMMER A?!
THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT WAS THAT WE AND TEAM AUTUMN JOINED THEM,
AND STARTED LIVING WITH THEM...
Damn it! Now everything comes back.
That jerk!
TEAM SUMMER A IS SCARY.
THEY'RE CAPABLE PEOPLE.
BUT THEY'RE PATRONIZING...
Japanese ?!
HUH?
WHAT THE HECK?!
THEY ALL HAVE PISTOLS.
WHAT ?
WERE THEY AN UNPLEASANT BUNCH?
Me and them
mumble
YES... WELL, IT WAS BECAUSE WE WERE IN DISCORD ABOUT SOME MATTERS TOO.
AND I FELL INTO AN UNDERGROUND STREAM AND WAS WASHED AWAY.
BUT A FEW OTHER THINGS HAPPENED ...
I KNOW YOU BY NOW.
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
YOU...
GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH THEM HEAD-ON, I BET.

THE PEOPLE FROM TEAM AUTUMN ARE EQUALLY TOUGH,
HARU REALLY DID HANG IN THERE AS WELL...
Aramaki-san is with them too
SO I THINK THEY'LL BE FINE.
SO, HARU AND THE OTHERS ARE STILL WITH THIS TEAM SUMMER A...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THEM.
WHEN I CAME TO, I WAS AT THE SEA-SIDE ON MY OWN...
mumble
SOMEHOW, THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE YOU.
Oh my! WHAT?! The nerve!
A pretty cute girl
THAT'S RIGHT! HARU FOUND A GIRLFRIEND!
"BE CAREFUL NOT TO POLLUTE THE SOURCE OF A STREAM."
THAT'S THE ONE CAMPING RULE YOU TAUGHT ME, HANA-CHAN.
WE JUST DUG UP A PIT.
THE BATHROOM IS BACK THERE.
SS#
Well there's water flowing in several places,
But we do our laundry at the lowest spot
YOU CAN WASH YOUR FACE OVER THERE.

GOOD NIGHT.
We don't have to worry about rain, so we can sleep on the ground.
The dangerous animals like crocodiles won't come up here either.
Good night.



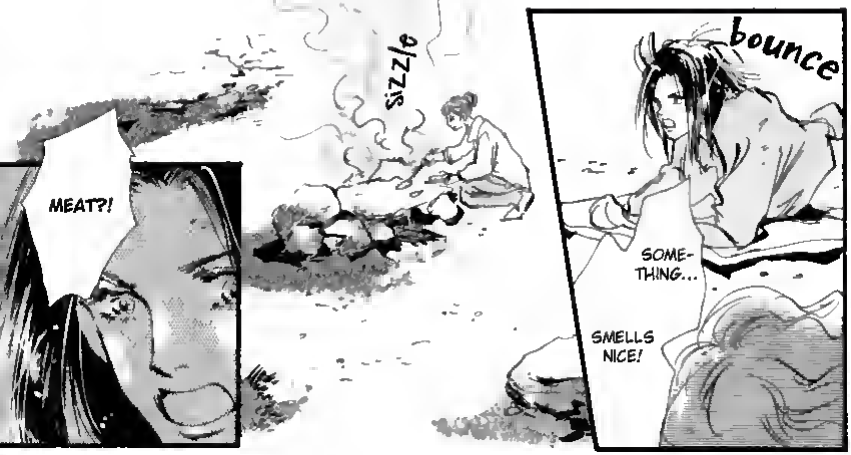
Good night
I go to bed late and get up late.
CHISA-CHAN IS STILL EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE EVEN NOW.

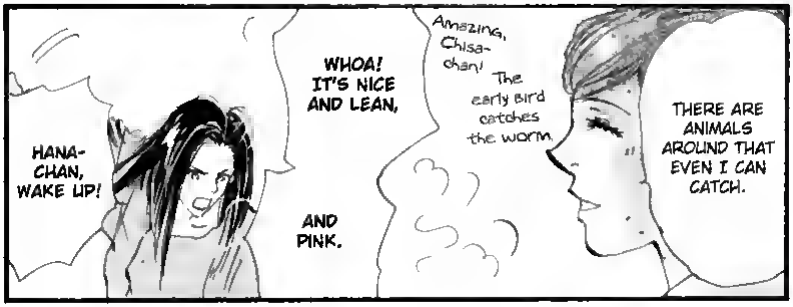

I HAVE THE FEELING THAT I'VE LAUGHED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AGES TODAY.
YOU KNOW,

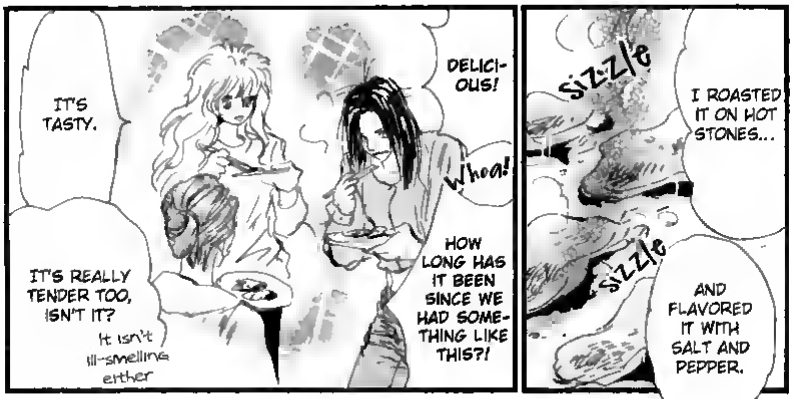
I THINK THAT I WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE BECAUSE CHISA-CHAN SAW TO IT...
THAT I COULD LEAD A REGULAR LIFE.

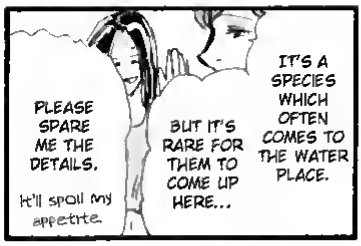
WE MET AGAIN.
I'M GLAD...

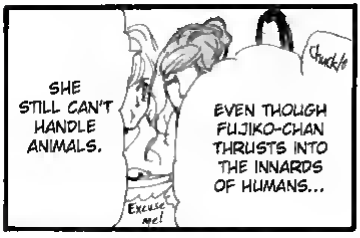
GOOD NIGHT, CHISA-CHAN.
GOOD NIGHT, FUJIKO-CHAN.
shreek
shreek
squeak
squeak
GOOD NIGHT, EVERY-BODY.
IF THOSE TWO HAD BEEN WITH ME...
WHEN I WAS WITH TEAMS AUTUMN AND SUMMER A...
SLEEP WELL, HANA.
I'M SURE I'D HAVE FELT MUCH MORE CONFIDENT.
YOU TOO, FUJIKO-CHAN.


sizzle
bounce
MEAT?!
SOME-THING...
SMELLS NICE!


HANA-CHAN, WAKE UP!
WHOA! IT'S NICE AND LEAN,
AND PINK.
Amazing, Chisa-chan!
The early bird catches the worm.
THERE ARE ANIMALS AROUND THAT EVEN I CAN CATCH.


IT'S TASTY.
IT'S REALLY TENDER TOO, ISN'T IT?
It isn't ill-smelling either
DELICI-OUS!
Whoa!
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE HAD SOME-THING LIKE THIS?!
sizzle
I ROASTED IT ON HOT STONES...
sizzle
AND FLAVORED IT WITH SALT AND PEPPER.


PLEASE SPARE ME THE DETAILS.
It'll spoil my appetite.
BUT IT'S RARE FOR THEM TO COME UP HERE...
IT'S A SPECIES WHICH OFTEN COMES TO THE WATER PLACE.

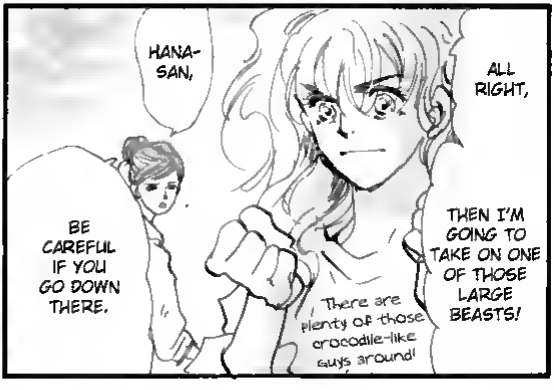

SHE STILL CAN'T HANDLE ANIMALS.
Chuckle
EVEN THOUGH FUJIKO-CHAN THRUSTS INTO THE INNARDS OF HUMANS...
Excuse me!

YES.
I WONDER IF THERE ARE MORE OF THOSE ANIMALS AROUND.
I SAW A FEW MORE OF THEM.

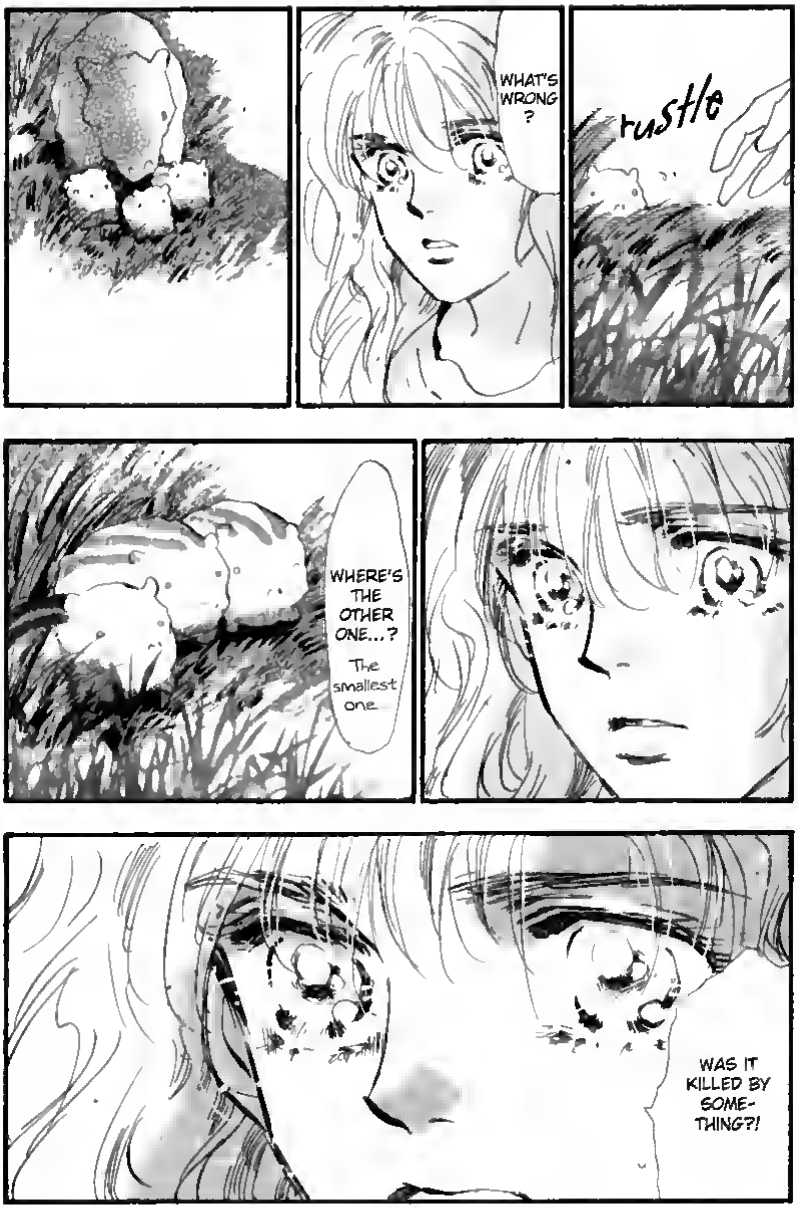
IT'S REALLY YUMMY!

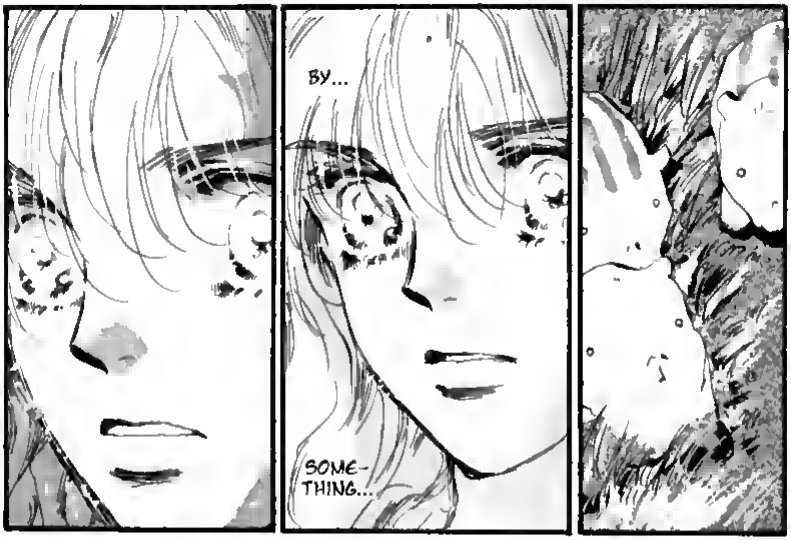
Because it needs time to dry.
LET'S GO GATHER FIREWOOD FIRST TODAY TOO!
Thank you, Chisa-chan.
I FEEL INVIGORATED!
AH!

Wrap-around-leaf?
UM, DID YOU SEE THOSE WRAP-AROUND-LEAF ATTACKS?!
YES, I DID.
THAT'S SOME SCARY TREE, ISN'T IT?


HANA-SAN,
BE CAREFUL IF YOU GO DOWN THERE.
There are plenty of those crocodile-like guys around!
ALL RIGHT,
THEN I'M GOING TO TAKE ON ONE OF THOSE LARGE BEASTS!

BUT IT'S THANKS TO THIS TREE...
I'M SURE IT KEEPS THE BALANCE...
THAT THIS WATER PLACE CAN'T DRY UP, I SUPPOSE.
rustle
I CAN USE THE ROPE TOO.
I'LL MAKE A NEW BOOMERANG, I GUESS.
I'll try to track down the animals whose meat we had earlier and which Chisa-chan raved over
IT'D BE TOO DANGEROUS TO HANG MY FULL WEIGHT ON IT NOW BECAUSE IT WAS DRENCHED IN SEAWATER,
BUT I CAN USE IT AS A LASSO!
IT'S RISKY TO WANDER AROUND HERE.
GUYS!
YOU CROSSED OVER HERE?!
jolt


WHAT'S WRONG ?
rustle
WHERE'S THE OTHER ONE...?
The smallest one
WAS IT KILLED BY SOME-THING?!


BY...
SOME-
THING...

GRO
WL

THERE ARE ANIMALS AROUND THAT EVEN I CAN CATCH.
NO WAY!

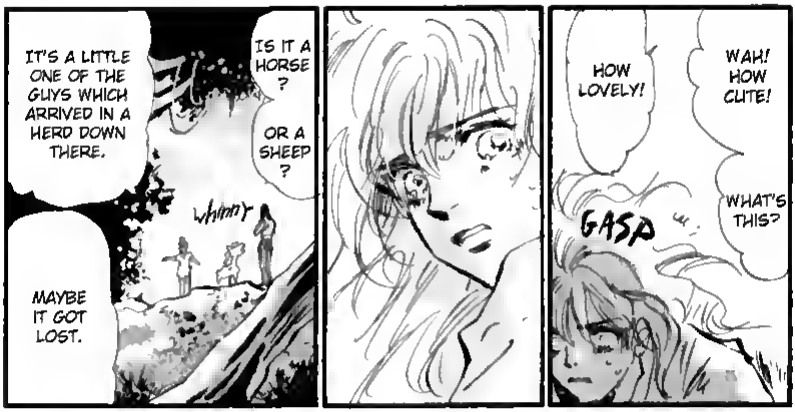
I DIDN'T ...
NO...

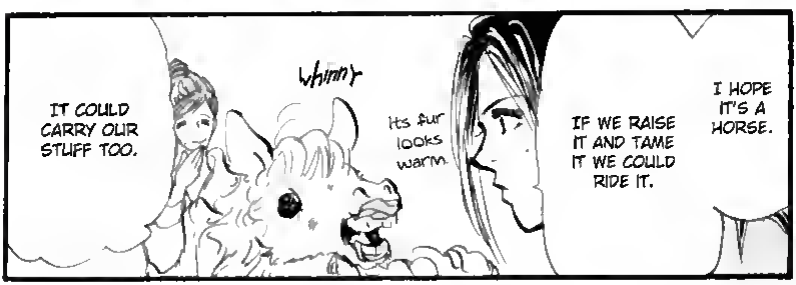
I SAW...
A FEW MORE OF THEM.
grab
GO!
GO FAR AWAY!
CLA
JOLT
CK
HURRY!

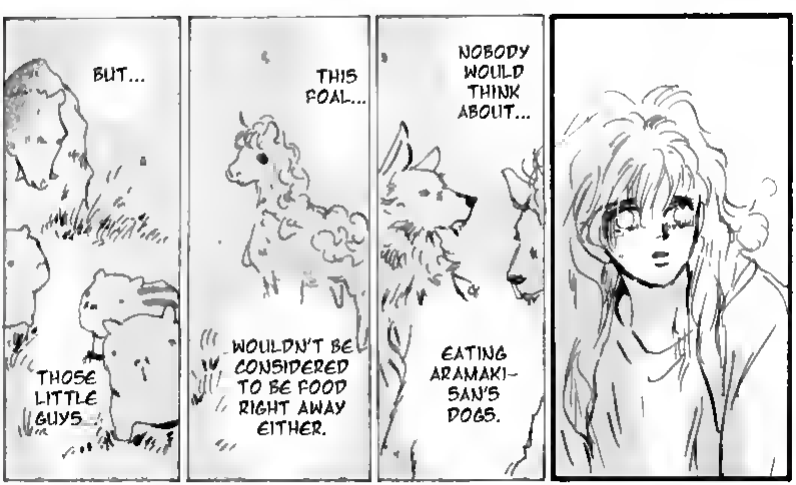
clack
crack
clack
NEVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN!
tap tap tap
UH.
UH.
IF THEY MEANT SO MUCH TO ME, I SHOULD HAVE PROTECTED THEM.
UUH.
BECAUSE OF ME THEY LOST THEIR SHYNESS...
AND WERE EASY TO CATCH.
I STAYED WITH THEM.
UH.
EVEN THOUGH I SAID...
THAT THEY WEREN'T PETS OR DOMESTIC ANIMALS,

DON'T THROW UP!
THAT'S BECAUSE I ALWAYS DO THINGS BY HALVES!
YOU ATE IT.
YOU ALREADY ATE IT.
MPH.

SO USE IT AS NOURISH-MENT.


IT'S A LITTLE ONE OF THE GUYS WHICH ARRIVED IN A HERD DOWN THERE.
IS IT A HORSE ?
OR A SHEEP ?
Whinny
MAYBE IT GOT LOST.
HOW LOVELY!
WAH! HOW CUTE!
GASP
WHAT'S THIS?


IT COULD CARRY OUR STUFF TOO.
Whinny
Its fur looks warm.
IF WE RAISE IT AND TAME IT WE COULD RIDE IT.
I HOPE IT'S A HORSE.


BUT...
THOSE LITTLE GUYS...
THIS FOAL...
WOULDN'T BE CONSIDERED TO BE FOOD RIGHT AWAY EITHER.
NOBODY WOULD THINK ABOUT...
EATING ARAMAKI-SAN'S DOGS.

GIVE THEM NAMES ...
I DIDN'T ...
I'M GLAD...
MAYBE THEY WERE MY FRIENDS.
BUT THAT'S OVER NOW.
I THINK...
IT'S BEST LIKE THIS.

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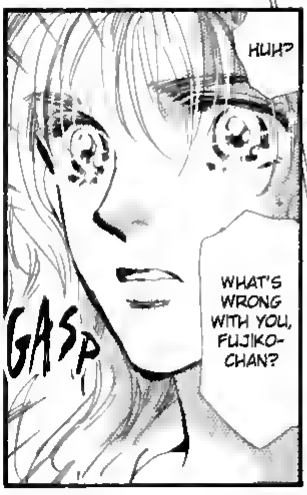
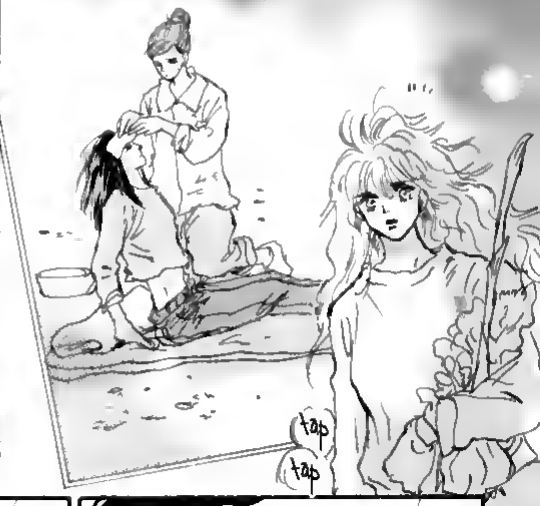
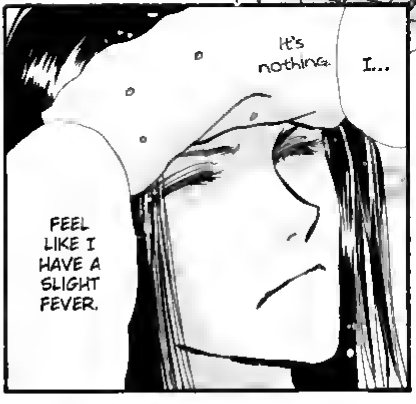
PULL
HEP.
THERE'S NO PART EDIBLE FROM THIS TREE.
BUT THERE'S A LOT TO BE FOUND BETWEEN ITS ROOTS...
It always looks like it is dancing
THESE ...
pluck
ARE SOFT, AND IT'S BEST TO BOIL THEM SLIGHTLY
pluck
They don't grow in abundance though
THESE CAN BE EATEN WHOLE
They grow on shadowy slopes
THEY'RE SIMILAR TO ONIONS AND TASTE QUITE GOOD.
pat
pat
I wonder what insects these are.
IF YOU BOIL THEM AND SMASH THEM, THEY BECOME CREAMY.
And viscous
THERE YOU ARE.

WAS INTENT UPON STUDYING WHAT IS EDIBLE AND WHAT ISN'T...
AND WHAT YOU CAN USE THINGS FOR.
TEAM SUMMER A...
Very well
IF...
YOU MIX THIS WITH SALT YOU GET TOOTHPASTE.
Snort
Snort
Snort
NOT JUST TO STAY HERE TEMPORARILY,
BUT TO LIVE HERE FOREVER.
hop hop
I TRULY RESPECT THEM FOR.
THAT'S SOMETHING...
whinny
YOU HAVE TO GO BACK TO YOUR HERD.
Because they'll leave this place, as soon as they make sure that it's safe to do so


HUH?
GASP
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, FUJIKO-CHAN?


tap
tap

WHAT?
ALL OF A SUDDEN?
DID YOU CATCH A COLD?
DON'T WORRY. I'M FINE.
WAS IT THE FOOD?


It's nothing.
I...
FEEL LIKE I HAVE A SLIGHT FEVER.

We'll be out of it soon.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
I HAVE TO GATHER FIREWOOD.
NO WAY.
PLEASE REST, FUJIKO-SAN.

BECAUSE BEFORE WE MET YOU,
FUJIKO-SAN PROBABLY ...
And after she had such a hearty appetite this morning.
I WONDER IF SHE'LL BE OKAY.
FEELS RELIEVED.
THE TWO OF US HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSTANT STRAIN.
WE WERE AT OUR LIMITS, BOTH PHYSICALLY...
AND MENTAL-LY.
BUT FUJIKO-SAN...
HAS A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSI-BILITY.
SHE NEVER REALLY COMPLAINED.
We were bickering a lot though.

If you're awake when I check on you later, I'll spank you!
SHUT UP AND SLEEP!
She heard me?
I'M NOT THAT NICE A PERSON.
SHE WAS CONSIDERATE OF ME TOO...
AND SHE PROTECTED ME.
AND A BURDEN LIFTED FROM HER SHOULDERS.
SHE FELT RELIEVED FROM THE BOTTOM OF HER HEART...
I THINK THAT AFTER MEETING YOU...
SEE? YOU'RE TALKING TO HER LIKE THIS.
CHISA-CHAN, YOU HAVE TO REST TOO!
Don't say something like that so nonchalantly!
I FEEL A LITTLE DIZZY.
My head aches, my shoulders are tense and I have muscular cramps
THE SAME GOES FOR ME, BY THE WAY.

She's right.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT.
YOU MUST BE TIRED TOO.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE FOOD, THE FIREWOOD,
AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
OKAY, THE TWO OF YOU!
SEE TO IT THAT YOU GET A GOOD REST!
Until you feel better!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!
I'D ALL BUT FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.
AND THAT I'M EXCITED ABOUT PLACES LIKE THIS.
I RE-MEMBERED A WHILE AGO...
THAT I LOVE THIS KIND OF THING...

I WONDER ...
IF THOSE TWO REALLY WILL BE FINE.
THAT'S WHY...
YOU SHOULD LEAVE IT TO ME
Sleep tight!
THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT THING FOR ME. I'M NO GOOD AT THIS AFTER ALL.
H..
HOW RELIABLE
You're great Hane-san
I hate survival camping

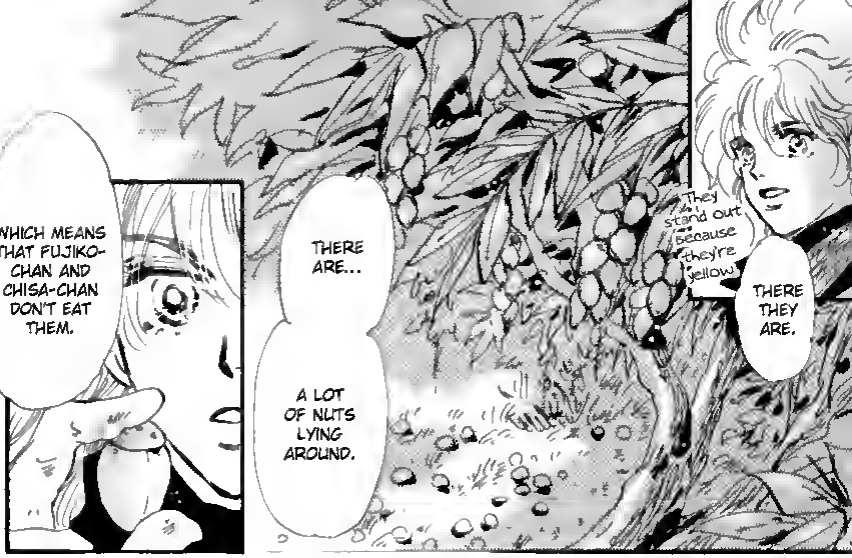
detachable ↗

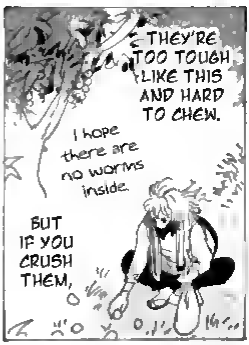
WHAT IF IT'S A SERIOUS ILLNESS...
sigh
THEY BROKE OUT IN A RASH TOO.

THEY HAVE TO EAT PROPERLY.
THEY HAVE TO EAT PROPERLY FOR MY SAKE.

I DON'T WANT THAT.
I NEED THEM TO BE HEALTHY.

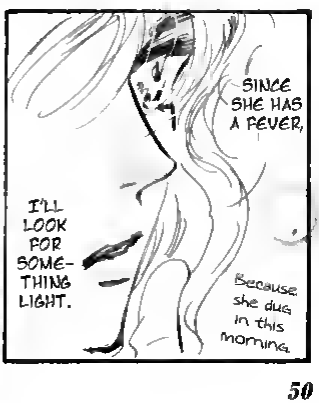
I'LL STUDY THIS WORLD.
I'LL LEARN ABOUT THIS PLACE...
AND EAT THE THINGS THAT ARE TO BE FOUND HERE.
I'LL EAT THE THINGS...
THAT ARE TO BE HAD HERE.
THE PLANTS...
TO THE ONES WHICH GREW WHERE ALL OF US LIVED TOGETHER.
IN THIS PLACE ARE SIMILAR...
IT'S A PLACE WITH WATER TOO...
Well...
THAT'S ...
NOT IT, I GUESS.


WHICH MEANS THAT FUJIKO-CHAN AND CHISA-CHAN DON'T EAT THEM.
THERE ARE...
A LOT OF NUTS LYING AROUND.
They stand out because they're yellow.
THERE THEY ARE.



*species of edible Caulerpa seaweed, also known as sea grape or sea caviar.

SHE SAID THAT THEY'D EATEN THE SAME THINGS,
pluck pluck
OH, AIR BUB-BLES*!
SO I'LL MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET TO EAT A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS.
THEY HAVE A FUNNY BITE TO THEM, SO I'LL ADD SOME TOO.



I WONDER...
WHY HUMANS AREN'T ABLE TO LIVE...
BY EATING ONE KIND OF FOOD...
LIKE OTHER MAMMALS DO.
THAT WOULD MAKE THINGS EASIER.
THE FACT THAT WE NEED MANY NUTRIENTS FROM VARIOUS KINDS OF FOOD TO SURVIVE...
IS INCONVENIENT
If you think about it, I wonder if they can!
Maybe they secretly eat various things too, huh?
NO,
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
BECAUSE...
IF THAT PARTICULAR FOOD WAS GONE,
crack
THIS SAP...
BURNS WELL.
WE'D DIE OUT AT ONCE.
Then, no one could have come here.
IT'S SURPRISING...
This is edible if you remove the astringent taste.
NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE OR WHAT THEY EAT.
AND ADAPT THEMSELVES...
HOW WELL PEOPLE CAN COPE...

rustle
rustle
WE COULD MAKE TEA WITH THESE.
TEAM SUMMER A WAS STILL UNFAMILIAR WITH MEDICINAL HERBS.
I DON'T KNOW ANY HERB THAT CAN LOWER A FEVER.
THESE ...
ARE THE POTATO-MUSH-ROOMS...
MY LITTLE FRIENDS ALWAYS ATE...
I'LL TAKE SOME.

I NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR WRAP-AROUND-LEAP ATTACKS...
AND CROCODILE-LIKE BEASTS.
NEXT UP...
IS THE WATER PLACE ...
FOUND THEM
EGGS!
rustle
rustle
rustle
poke
poke

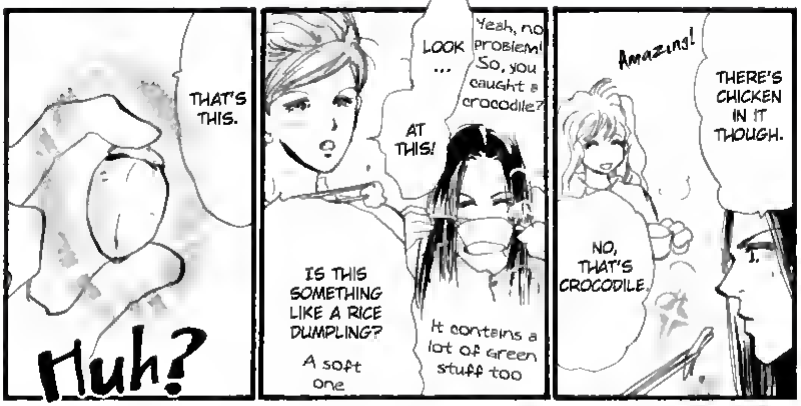
I'LL MAKE SOMETHING LIKE STOCK-POT AND ADD THEM.
FUJIKO-CHAN AND CHISA-CHAN WILL BE HAPPY ABOUT THESE, I GUESS.
I'm sorry, but I'll take some.

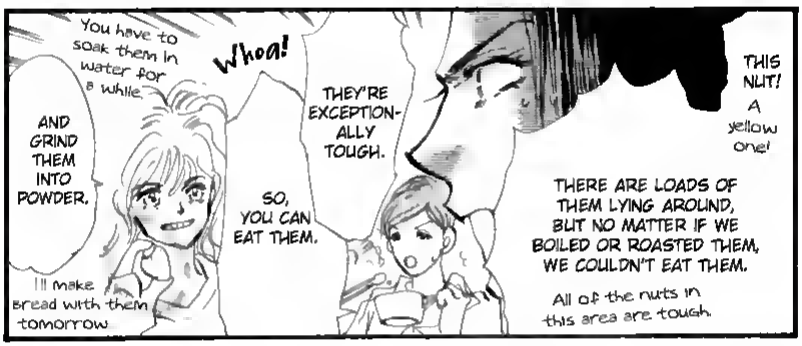
SPL
OSH
Hep
...
WHAT ...
IS...
THIS ROCK...?

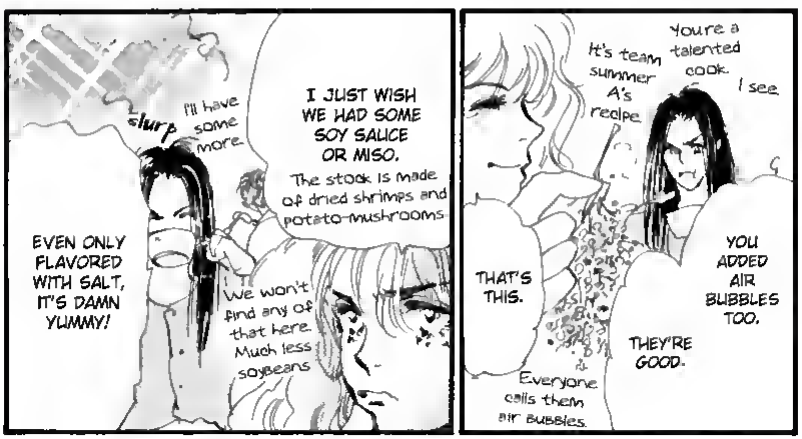
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
I'LL EAT THE THINGS...
THAT ARE TO BE FOUND HERE.
clap
clap
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

phew
I'll call it quits for today
THERE...
SHOULD STILL BE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS AROUND.
YAY!
Oh, there it is!
THEY'LL PROBABLY WANT SOME SWEETS TOO.
IT'D BE NICE IF THERE WAS SOMETHING HERE...
My self-made mini-mortar and wooden pestle.
grind
grind
grind
grind
grind
patter
patter
bump
CRACK
CRACK
bump
bump
crackle
crackle

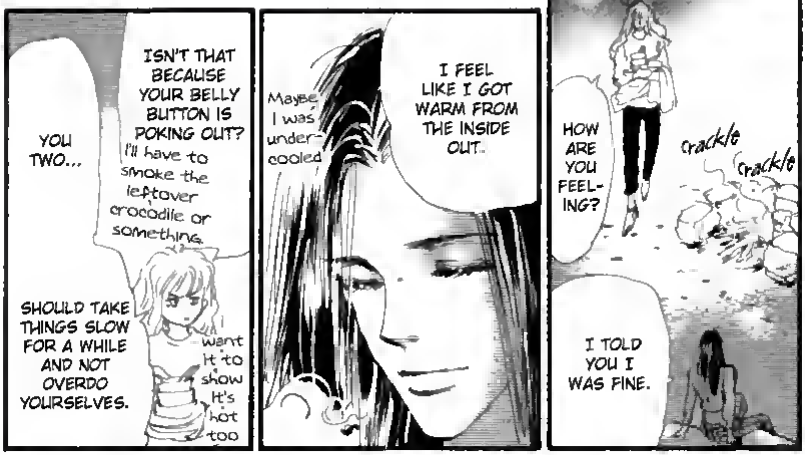
Did I wake you?
WANT SOME-THING?
OF COURSE I DO!
What's this?
IT SMELLS NICE...
Huh?!
STOCKPOT?!
NO, THEY'RE FROM CROCODILES
We haven't had eggs in ages!
NO WAY!
I'm glad it wasn't grown up
FROM BIRDS?!
fwa fwa
I don't mind that!
Hot, hot, hot!
IT'S TASTY!
WHOA!
ARE THOSE EGGS?!


THAT'S THIS.
Huh?
LOOK ...
Yeah, no problem! So, you caught a crocodile?
AT THIS!
IS THIS SOMETHING LIKE A RICE DUMPLING?
A soft one
It contains a lot of green stuff too
Amazing!
THERE'S CHICKEN IN IT THOUGH.
NO, THAT'S CROCODILE.

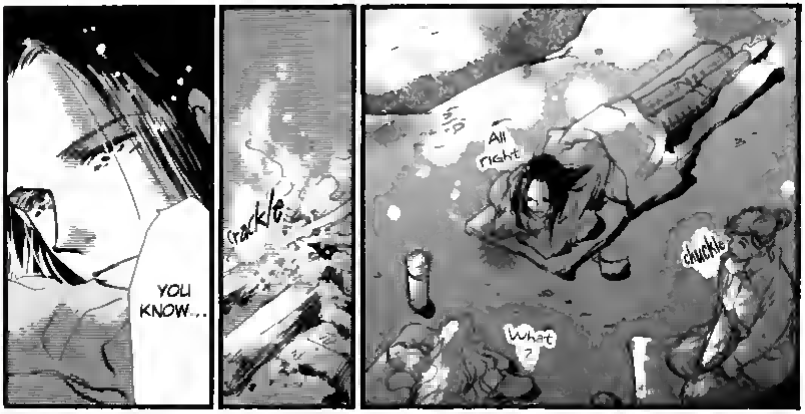

You have to soak them in water for a while
AND GRIND THEM INTO POWDER.
I'll make bread with them tomorrow
Whoa!
THEY'RE EXCEPTIONALLY TOUGH.
SO, YOU CAN EAT THEM.
THIS NUT! A yellow one!
THERE ARE LOADS OF THEM LYING AROUND, BUT NO MATTER IF WE BOILED OR ROASTED THEM, WE COULDN'T EAT THEM.
All of the nuts in this area are tough.


slurp
I'll have some more.
I JUST WISH WE HAD SOME SOY SAUCE OR MISO.
The stock is made of dried shrimps and potato-mushrooms
EVEN ONLY FLAVORED WITH SALT, IT'S DAMN YUMMY!
We won't find any of that here. Much less soybeans
It's team summer A's recipe.
You're a talented cook.
I see.
THAT'S THIS.
YOU ADDED AIR BUBBLES TOO.
THEY'RE GOOD.
Everyone calls them air bubbles.

It's so sweet!
Yummy! I can't believe it!
Squeal
THAT'S LARVAE,
BUT I'M NOT SURE IF I SHOULD TELL THEM.
If it was Arashi, it'd be better to keep it to myself
No!
THAT'S THIS.
I'll tell them after all!
But it's tasty.
TEAM SUMMER A EXTRACTS SUGAR FROM IT.
IT'S REALLY SWEET.
What's this?
Whoa!
AND THERE'S CREAM ON TOP OF IT!
Is it fresh cream?
Huh?
WE HAVE DESSERT TOO.
Eek!
THIS IS HEAVEN!
Thanks for the meal!!
AH, I'M STUFFED!
THANK GOD.
phew
I'M GRATEFUL TO TEAM SUMMER A.
Except those two
OH, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT.
It was so good, and I took a nap too
SO, HOW'S YOUR FEVER?
Are you still dizzy?
IT SEEMS I'M FINE NOW.
TO THINK THAT THERE'S SO MUCH EDIBLE STUFF TO BE FOUND IN THIS AREA.
It's a surprise.
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE LAST HAD A MEAL LIKE THIS?
I'm impressed!
I was too scared to explore it.


YOU TWO...
ISN'T THAT BECAUSE YOUR BELLY BUTTON IS POKING OUT?
I'll have to smoke the leftover crocodile or something.
SHOULD TAKE THINGS SLOW FOR A WHILE AND NOT OVERDO YOURSELVES.
I want it to show it's hot too
Maybe I was under-cooled
I FEEL LIKE I GOT WARM FROM THE INSIDE OUT.
HOW ARE YOU FEEL-ING?
crackle
crackle
I TOLD YOU I WAS FINE.

Yeah, right
Ha-ha, ha
Like we do now


YOU KNOW...
crackle
All right
chuckle
What?

I USED TO BE THE KIND OF PERSON WHO LIKED BEING ALONE.
I THOUGHT THAT THINGS LIKE...
HANGING OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS ALL THE TIME..
AND EVEN GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM TOGETHER WERE ANNOYING.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
ME TOO.
SEE?
I WANTED TO QUIETLY READ A BOOK, OR SOMETHING.
I DIDN'T MIND THAT...
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS AT SCHOOL.
I INTENDED TO CUT MY OWN PATH ALONE.
I even went to do voluntary service a few times
BUT...
AFTER COMING HERE...
I FELT LONELY ON MY OWN.
AND EVEN WITH THE TWO OF US.
YES...
You're right!
I LOVE PEOPLE.

AND I MISS THEM.
YOU ARE A WOMAN ...
WHO WANTS TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN.
HOW...
IS THAT PATHETIC?
IT'S PATHETIC...
I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH.
THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO LIVE ALONE.
OF A PHYSICIAN HAS TO DO WITH PEOPLE, RIGHT?
THE WORK...

YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO PURPOSELY CHOSE THAT PATH.
IT'S A JOB...
WHERE YOU'LL HAVE TO INTENSIVELY DEAL WITH PEOPLE...
ALL YOUR LIFE.
HMM.
Yes
OF COURSE.
SO, IT'S A GOOD THING THAT I LOVE PEOPLE, HUH?
...I SEE.
IT WOULDN'T BE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.
ONLY MYSELF.
AND IT WOULDN'T HELP ANY-ONE.
I learned a little by experience though.
HA, HA, HA.
IT...
HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM TO CLIMB DOWN INTO UNEXPLOR-ED CAVES ALL AROUND THE WORLD.
I'M KIND OF...
THE OPPOSITE OF YOU.

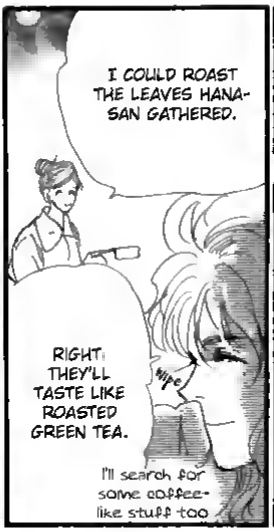
HANA
BUT...
AND THAT I SHOULD GO ON A JOURNEY ...
RATHER THAN FAILING WHEN IT COMES TO DEALING WITH OTHERS,
YOU SEE.
TO LEARN ABOUT THIS WORLD...
BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON I AM.
IN FACT...
I BELIEVED THAT I'D BE ABLE TO LIVE ON IN THIS WORLD...
ON MY OWN.
WHEN I MET THE TWO OF YOU AGAIN...
I REALIZED ...
THAT I WAS A LITTLE MISTAKEN.
YOU KNOW,
I REALLY ENJOYED MYSELF TODAY.

AND WHAT INGREDIENTS I'D NEED FOR DISHES...
TO THINK ABOUT WHAT I COULD COOK FOR YOU...
IT WAS A LOT OF FUN...
THAT WOULD BE EASY TO EAT AND PLEASE YOU.
Of course I was worried about your physical conditions too
IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY.
TO SHARE MY KNOWL-EDGE WITH OTHERS.
I WANT TO STUDY THIS WORLD ...
I'M THANK-FUL.
THAT'S WHY...
THAT'S SOME-THING...
BEFORE
I'VE NEVER DONE...
Not even for Arashi

IT WAS A REAL FEAST.
WE SHOULD BE THANKING YOU.
OH NO.
No, no
This is embarrassing
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF FINDING ALL THOSE INGREDIENTS FOR US.
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS DANGEROUS.
I said too many nice things.
Don't feel awkward about it, Fujiko-san.
AND CHISA-CHAN...
IS SMILING ...
QUIETLY.
FUJIKO-CHAN...
IS SPEAKING SLOWLY WITH HER DEEP VOICE...
YOU CAN HEAR WATER SPLASHING...
ALL AROUND US,
THE FIRE IS CRACKLING,

AND I FEEL AT EASE...
IT CALMS MY HEART...
COM-PLETELY.

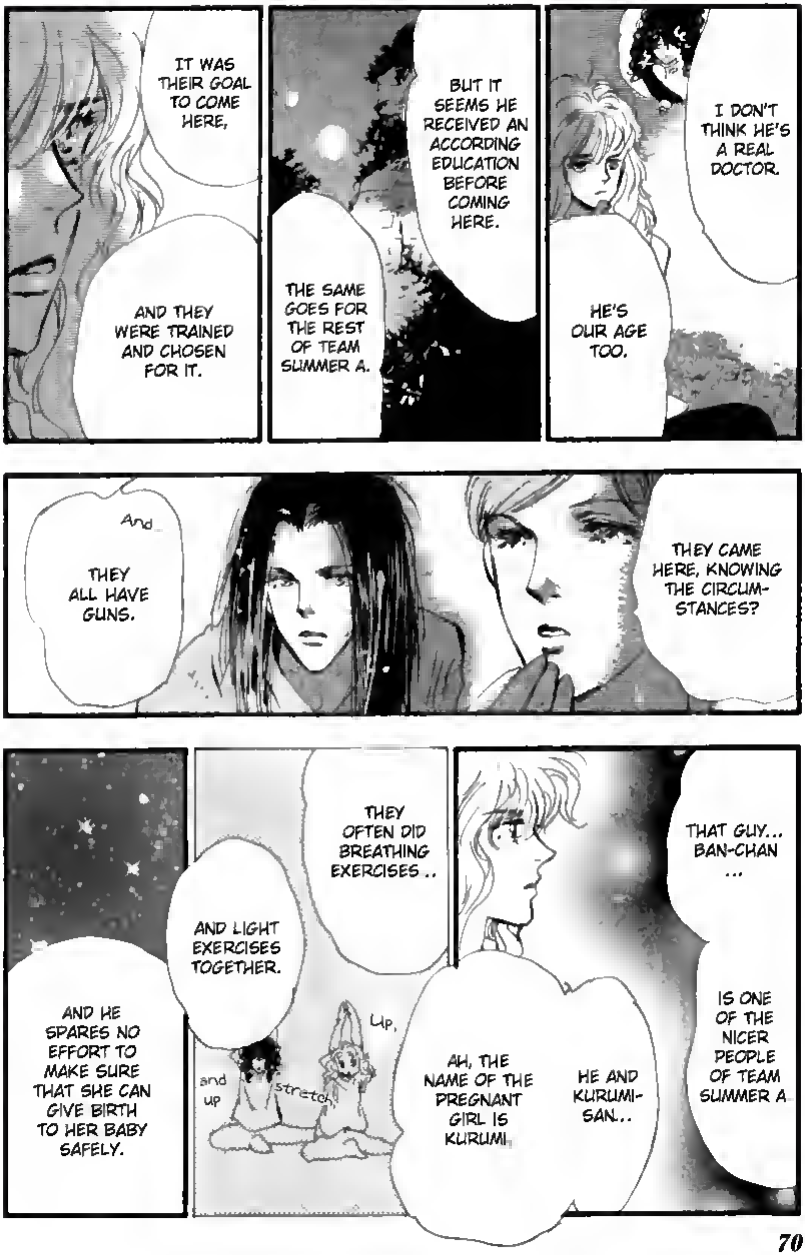
IT'S ARO-MATIC.

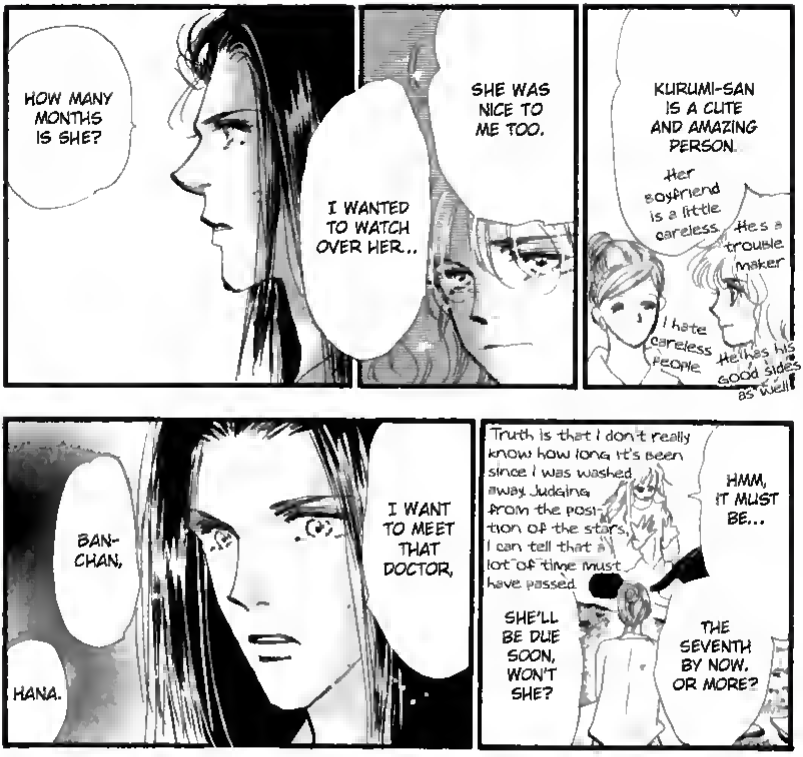

I COULD ROAST THE LEAVES HANA-SAN GATHERED.
RIGHT. THEY'LL TASTE LIKE ROASTED GREEN TEA.
sip
I'll search for some coffee-like stuff too

crackle

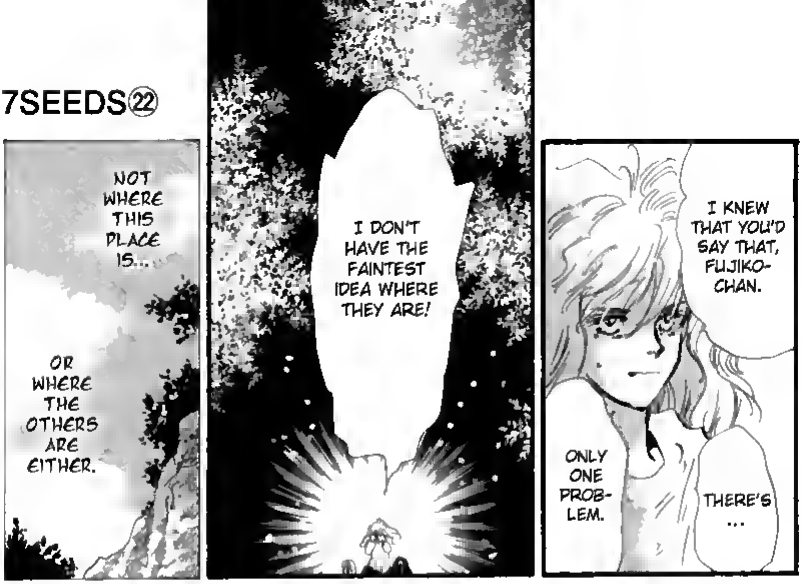
The fire is still burning too
SHOULD I MAKE US SOME TEA?
TEA?!

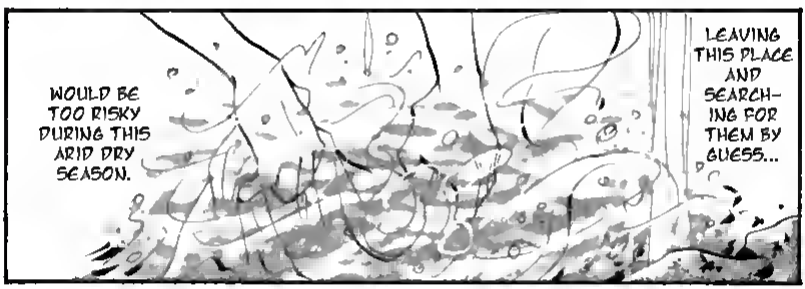
A PREGNANT GIRL IN TEAM AUTUMN.
THERE'S ...
AH,
THAT'S RIGHT.
SPEAKING OF PHYSICIANS,
I CAN'T ...
There are no more books either
WELL ...
slurp
BUT ...
BECOME A PHYSICIAN ANYMORE...
Oh my
AFTER COMING HERE?!
PREGNANT?!
HE EXAMINED HER.
THERE'S SOMEONE LIKE A DOCTOR.
Yeah, it was reckless, I guess.
AND ...
IN TEAM SUMMER A...
YEAH.
SHE FOUND A BOYFRIEND WITHIN HER OWN TEAM
HOW RECKLESS!
HOW DARING!
They should have restrained themselves!
THERE'S A DOCTOR HERE?


IT WAS THEIR GOAL TO COME HERE,
AND THEY WERE TRAINED AND CHOSEN FOR IT.
BUT IT SEEMS HE RECEIVED AN ACCORDING EDUCATION BEFORE COMING HERE.
THE SAME GOES FOR THE REST OF TEAM SUMMER A.
I DON'T THINK HE'S A REAL DOCTOR.
HE'S OUR AGE TOO.
And
THEY ALL HAVE GUNS.
THEY CAME HERE, KNOWING THE CIRCUM-STANCES?
AND HE SPARES NO EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE CAN GIVE BIRTH TO HER BABY SAFELY.
AND LIGHT EXERCISES TOGETHER.
THEY OFTEN DID BREATHING EXERCISES ..
and up
stretch
Up,
AH, THE NAME OF THE PREGNANT GIRL IS KURUMI.
HE AND KURUMI-SAN..
THAT GUY... BAN-CHAN ...
IS ONE OF THE NICER PEOPLE OF TEAM SUMMER A.


HOW MANY MONTHS IS SHE?
I WANTED TO WATCH OVER HER..
SHE WAS NICE TO ME TOO.
KURUMI-SAN IS A CUTE AND AMAZING PERSON.
Her boyfriend is a little careless.
He's a trouble maker
I hate careless people
He has his good sides as well!
BAN-CHAN,
HANA.
I WANT TO MEET THAT DOCTOR,
Truth is that I don't really know how long it's been since I was washed away. Judging from the position of the stars, I can tell that a lot of time must have passed.
HMM, IT MUST BE...
SHE'LL BE DUE SOON, WON'T SHE?
THE SEVENTH BY NOW, OR MORE?
FOR THE BIRTH.
I WANT TO BE THERE...

I...
I WANT TO HELP THEM SOMEHOW.
Oh, but I can't as long as I have this rash.
I'VE WITNESSED A DELIVERY...
WHEN I WAS OVERSEAS FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES.
I ONLY WATCHED.
BUT THIS TIME...
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING.
I WANT TO MEET THOSE PEOPLE AND LEARN FROM THEM.


NOT WHERE THIS PLACE IS...
OR WHERE THE OTHERS ARE EITHER.
I DON'T HAVE THE FAINTEST IDEA WHERE THEY ARE!
I KNEW THAT YOU'D SAY THAT, FUJIKO-CHAN.
ONLY ONE PROB-LEM.
THERE'S ...


WOULD BE TOO RISKY DURING THIS ARID DRY SEASON.
LEAVING THIS PLACE AND SEARCH-ING FOR THEM BY GUESS...

SHE WAS REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IT.
TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR FUJIKO-CHAN TO MEET KURUMI-SAN AND BAN-CHAN.
BUT I'LL COME UP WITH SOME-THING...
Even if those two are there

I WAS FINALLY ABLE...
TO WASH MY SEAWATER-DRENCHED STUFF

AND RINSE IT WITH HOT WATER
So that it'll dry quickly
I'LL CLEAN MY TOOL KNIFE WITHOUT TAKING IT APART...

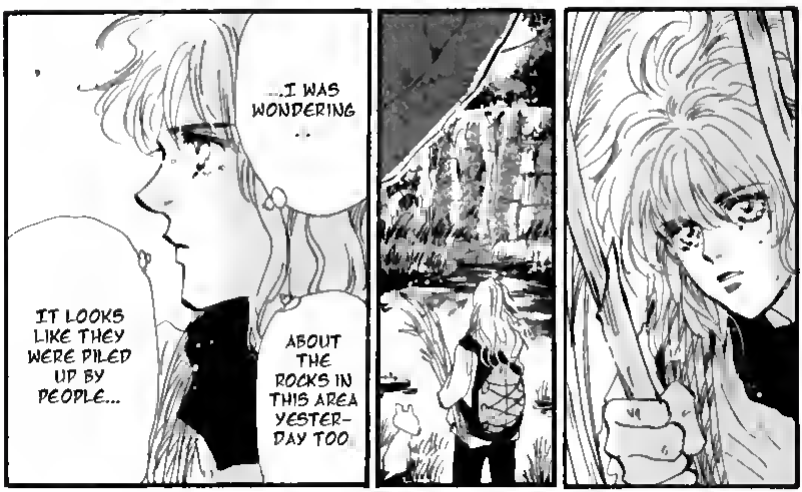
I'LL CLEAN THE SALT THAT CAME OFF AND USE IT FOR SOMETHING.
I'll have to wash it too

I'LL MEND THE TEARS AND FRAYED SPOTS ON MY DRIED STUFF
Ah, this is no good. It's a deep cut
I'll sew it from the root

WHILE I'M AT IT,
I'LL MAKE SOME NEW SANDALS.
I gathered some straw-like grass on the way here.

I'LL KEEP MYSELF AS NEAT AND CLEAN AS POSSIBLE
AND EAT...
AND SOCIALIZE PROPERLY.
LET ME SEE.
WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT A HOLE IN MY SHOE...?
I sewed a patch on it, but
TO THE LIFE HERE.
I'LL ADJUST ...
AH,
I CAN'T REPAIR THIS.
HANA, THE ZIPPER OF MY BACKPACK IS BROKEN.
If I close it, it opens again.
Hmm
BUT SINCE IT'S AT THE EDGE, IT SHOULD BE OKAY IF I SEW IT TOGETHER.

DURING MY DAILY HUNTS FOR FOOD
AND I'LL BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET CAUGHT...


...I WAS WONDERING ..
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE PILED UP BY PEOPLE...
ABOUT THE ROCKS IN THIS AREA YESTER-DAY TOO

MAYBE THESE ARE THE RUINS OF SOME BUILDING...
SSH

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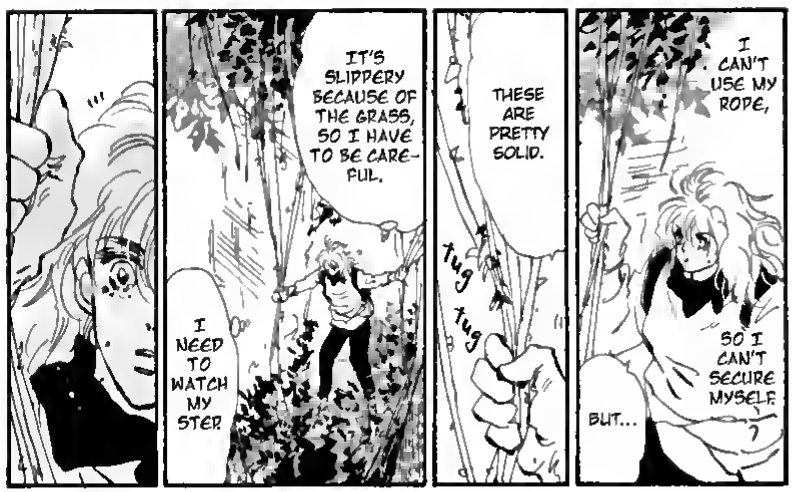
HAND-SOME ...?
SAY,
IS HE HAND-SOME?
WHAT DOES THIS BAN-CHAN LOOK LIKE?
FUJIKO-CHAN.
AH, HANA-CHAN.
HEH! SO, HE'S MYSTERI-OUS?
IS HE THE COOL TYPE?
COOL ...?
...WELL, I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
HEH!
A LONG-HAIR!
HIS HAIR IS LONG AND CURLY.
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SEE HIS EYES VERY WELL.
He's cool when he treats someone, though.
...IF ANY-THING,
I'D RATHER..
CALL HIM SHY AND CUTE, HUH?
HEH!

HE MAY BE MY TYPE.
HMM
with long and curly hair
Shy, cute
A STATUE?
THAT'S RIGHT. I forgot something
AH,
Welcome back.
SAY, FUJIKO-CHAN AND CHISA-CHAN,
DID YOU KNOW...
THAT THERE'S A STONE STATUE OF SOME SORT NEARBY THE WATER PLACE?

LOOK, THIS ONE!
A BUDDHIST STATUE...!
IT COULD BE AN IMAGE OF BUDDHA.
HAH! WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE A FACE, DOESN'T IT?
I'D SAY THAT IT IS A FACE.
WHICH MEANS...
THAT THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE SEVEN FUJIS, RIGHT?
DO YOU THINK THAT THERE'S A SHELTER AROUND?!
hes

All right!
LET'S SEARCH FOR AN ENTRANCE.
hop
BUT I'D MUCH RATHER FIND SOME LIVING NECESSITIES.
WRITING UTENSILS OR NEEDLES AND THREAD.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
LIKE A PIECE OF CLOTH OR SOME VESSEL.
THAT WOULD BE WELCOME...
IT'D BE NICE TO FIND SOME FOODSTUFFS.
YOU KNOW,
AH,
THERE'S A HUGE, CONICAL HOLE.
YEAH,
RIGHT.
THAT REMINDS ME, AT THE OPPOSITE SIDE...
OKAY!
THAT'S A JOB FOR ME.
IT'S A MAN-MADE ROCK FACE.
Of some sort
Hey! I haven't seen it yet.
WE NEVER WENT THERE BECAUSE IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS.
We were afraid to fall down
THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING TO BE FOUND THERE.

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S A HUGE HOLE.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT WAS NATURALLY BUILT.

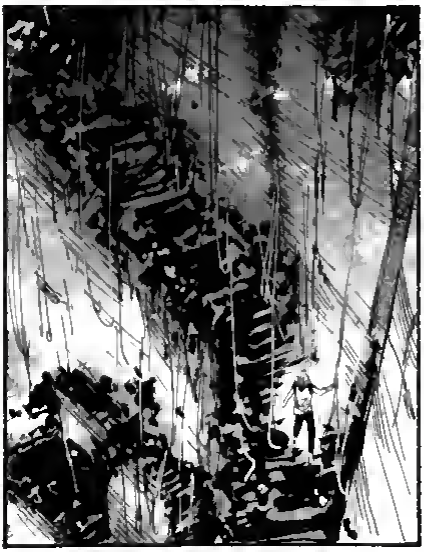

BE CARE-FUL.
Whoa!
I'LL TRY TO CLIMB DOWN.
IT'S REALLY MAN-MADE.
IT LOOKS LIKE ROCKS WERE PILED UP AND PLANED.
It must be very old
WATER HAS GATHERED AT THE BOTTOM
IN THE RAINY SEASON, IT'LL RISE UP HIGHER, I GUESS.

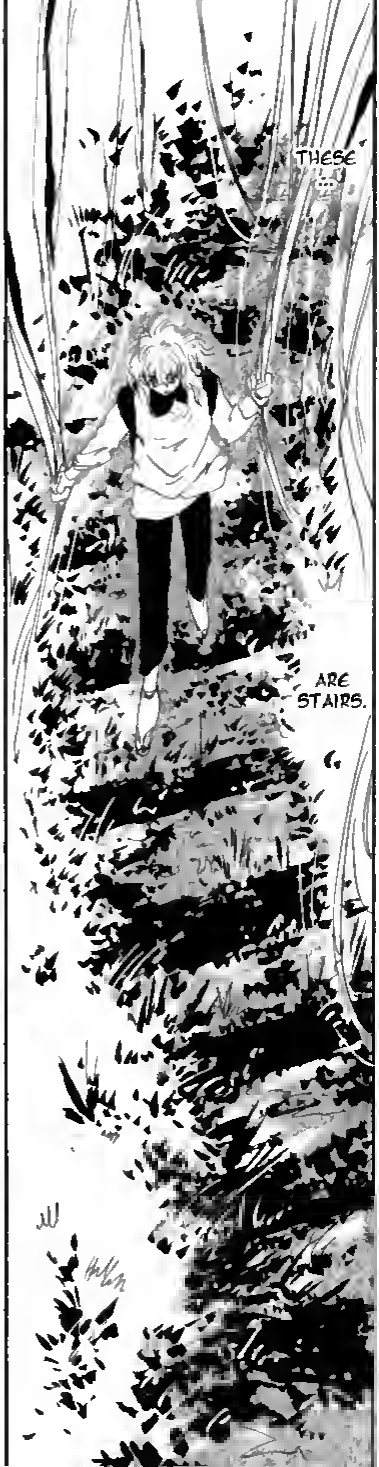
...
IT'S SLIPPERY BECAUSE OF THE GRASS, SO I HAVE TO BE CARE-FUL.
I NEED TO WATCH MY STEP.
THESE ARE PRETTY SOLID.
tug tug
I CAN'T USE MY ROPE,
SO I CAN'T SECURE MYSELF.
BUT...

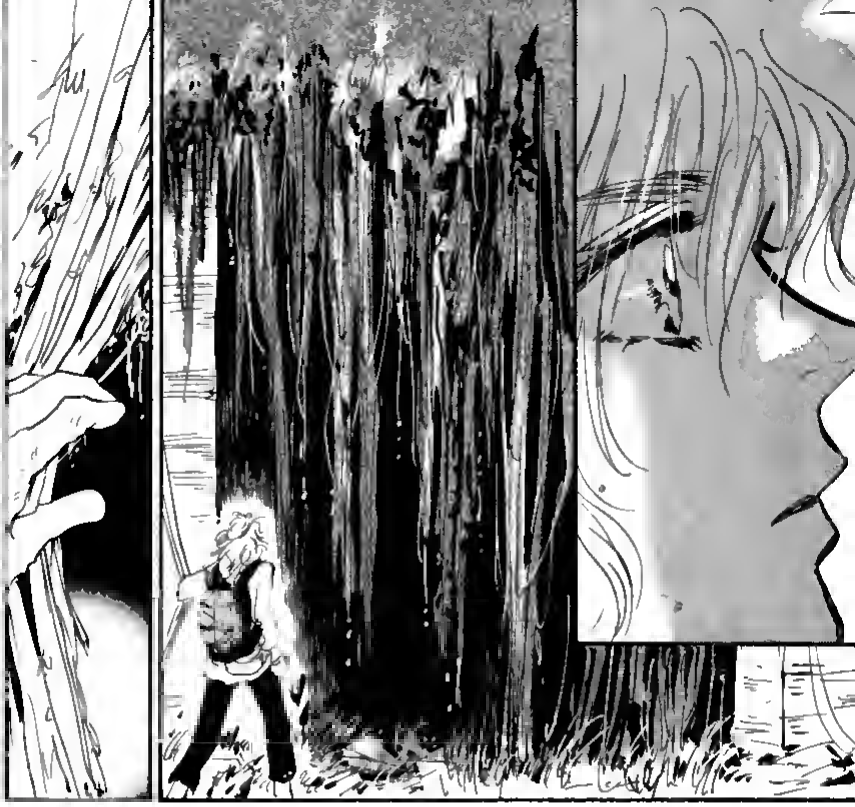
I...
BROKE OUT IN A RASH TOO.
gasp
WE ALL HAVE IT,
SO IT MIGHT BE THE WATER OR THE FOOD
THE PLANTS IN THIS AREA...
COULD CONTAIN IRRITANT COMPO-NENTS TOO.
WE DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE TOXIC SUB-STANCES IN THE WATER.
It reminds me of those violet pustules.
squish
.....
NO,
I HAVE...
TO CONCEN-TRATE NOW.
I NEED TO FIND ...
SAFE FOOTING...

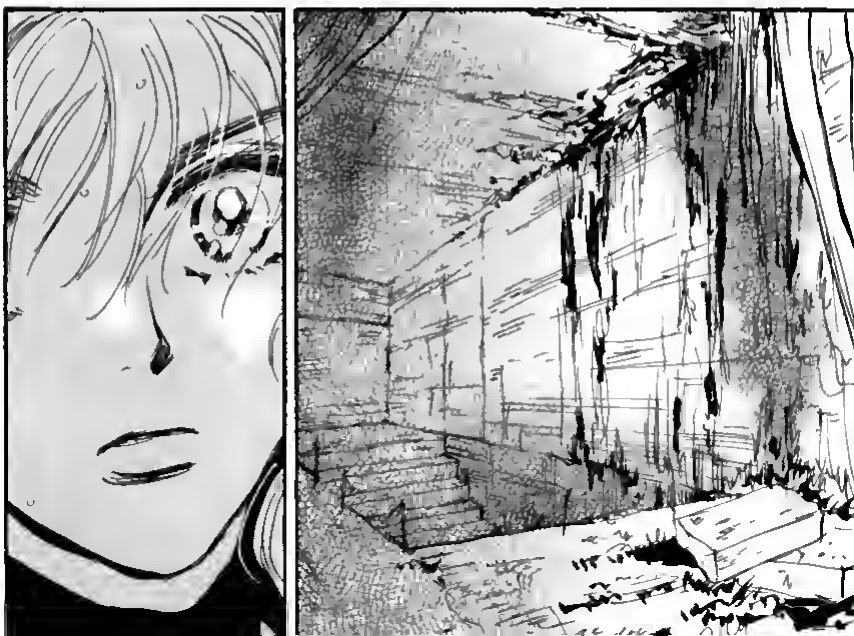
THERE'S A STAIR-CASE LEADING DOWN ALL THE WAY.
I'LL FOLLOW IT AS FAR AS I CAN.

BE CAREFUL!
STAIRS ?!
DON'T OVERDO YOURSELF!
REALLY ?! I don't see them




THESE ...
ARE STAIRS.





IT LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER SHELTERS
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
THE STAIR-CASE...
KEEPS GOING DOWN-WARDS.
gulp
BE LIKE RYUGU SHELTER?
COULD THIS...
SOME SCARY STUFF AGAIN.
MAYBE I'LL COME ACROSS...

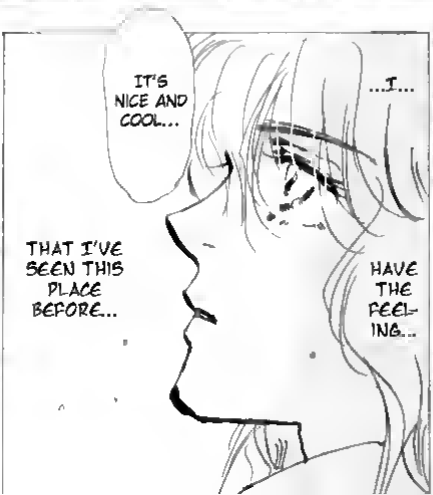
MAYBE THERE'S SOME HORRIBLE STUFF...
FROZEN UP IN THERE.
I COULD GET BURIED ALIVE.
IF I GO INSIDE.
MAYBE IT'LL COLLAPSE...
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T ENTER IT.

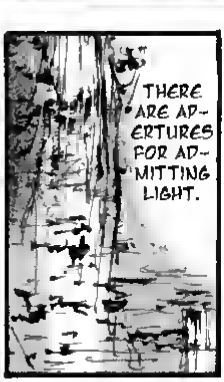
THERE'S A STAIRCASE INSIDE TOO.
IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN GO DOWN.
YES!
IS THAT AN ENTRANCE?!
COULD YOU ENTER IT, HANA-CHAN?!

FOR FUJIKO-CHAN'S AND CHISA-CHAN'S SAKE.
I'LL TAKE IT WITH ME.
IF... I FIND SOMETHING USEFUL...
haa
fun
EXPLOR-ING IT.
AND TAKE MY TIME...
I NEED TO KEEP CALM...
I'LL CLIMB DOWN ONLY A BIT.
WAIT THERE!
EVEN IF IT BELONGS TO SOME-ONE ELSE,
I'LL DO IT RIGHT THIS TIME.
WHILE RAN-SAN KEPT A COOL HEAD AND TOOK SOME THINGS.
IN RYUGU SHELTER, I PANICKED,
like binoculars, a flashlight and data
AND DIDN'T TAKE ANY-THING.
SHE'S STILL A RECKLESS ONE.
PLEASE GO DOWN JUST A LITTLE!

WHOA!

BUT THAT CAN'T BE...
glance
glance
I'll search for a storehouse.

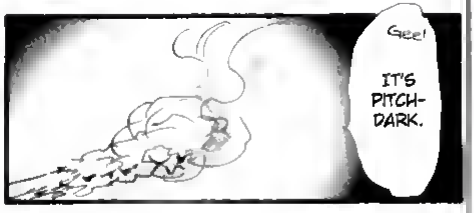

IT'S NICE AND COOL...
...I...
THAT I'VE SEEN THIS PLACE BEFORE...
HAVE THE FEELING...

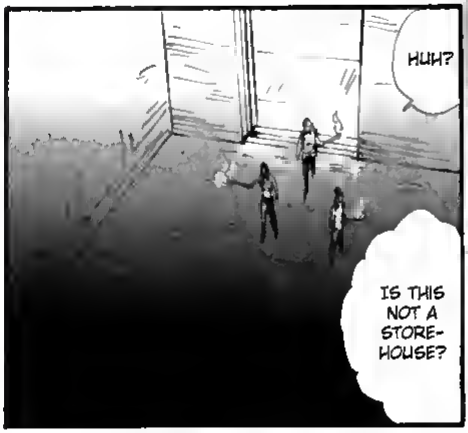

THERE ARE APERTURES FOR ADMITTING LIGHT.

crunch
IT SMELLS OF SOIL,
WATER ...
AND MOSS...
In the rainy season, the water will rise to that line. I guess.
WATER HAS GATHERED BELOW.
IT'S COVERED WITH MOSS.
I mustn't fall down there.
BECAUSE I'M SCARED.
MY HEART DOESN'T ONLY BEAT SO FAST...

push
push
PUSH
The door will open if I turn this, I guess
creak
It's counter-clockwise.
WRITTEN ON IT, SO IT'S PROBABLY SAFE.
IT DOESN'T HAVE "DON'T OPEN! DANGER!"...
THIS LOOKS LIKE A STORE-HOUSE ...
IT'S NOT A FREEZER.
creak
THIS IS POINT-LESS.
IT WON'T BUDGE.
creak
IF THE THREE OF US WORK TOGETHER, WE'LL BE ABLE TO OPEN IT.
YOU SHOULD APPLY A LEVER.
I found this stick.

Ha, ha, ha Chisa-chan, total annihilation, she says
IF WE FACE TOTAL ANNIHILATION, WE SHOULD FACE IT TOGETHER.
WE CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO TAKE ALL THE RISK.
After all
WELL, WE CAN AT LEAST ...
How did you get here?
HUH?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
CLIMB DOWN SOME STAIRS, YOU KNOW.
CREAK
HEP!
whir
OH...
OH...
CLANK
slide...
ONCE IT MOVES, IT GOES SMOOTHLY.
CREAK


Gee!
IT'S PITCH-DARK.


HUH?
IS THIS NOT A STORE-HOUSE?

clank
clank
clank
Well,
IT'S A PRETTY MASSIVE DOOR.

I'LL OPEN IT.
creak
creak
creak
Oh
THIS ONE GOES EASILY.

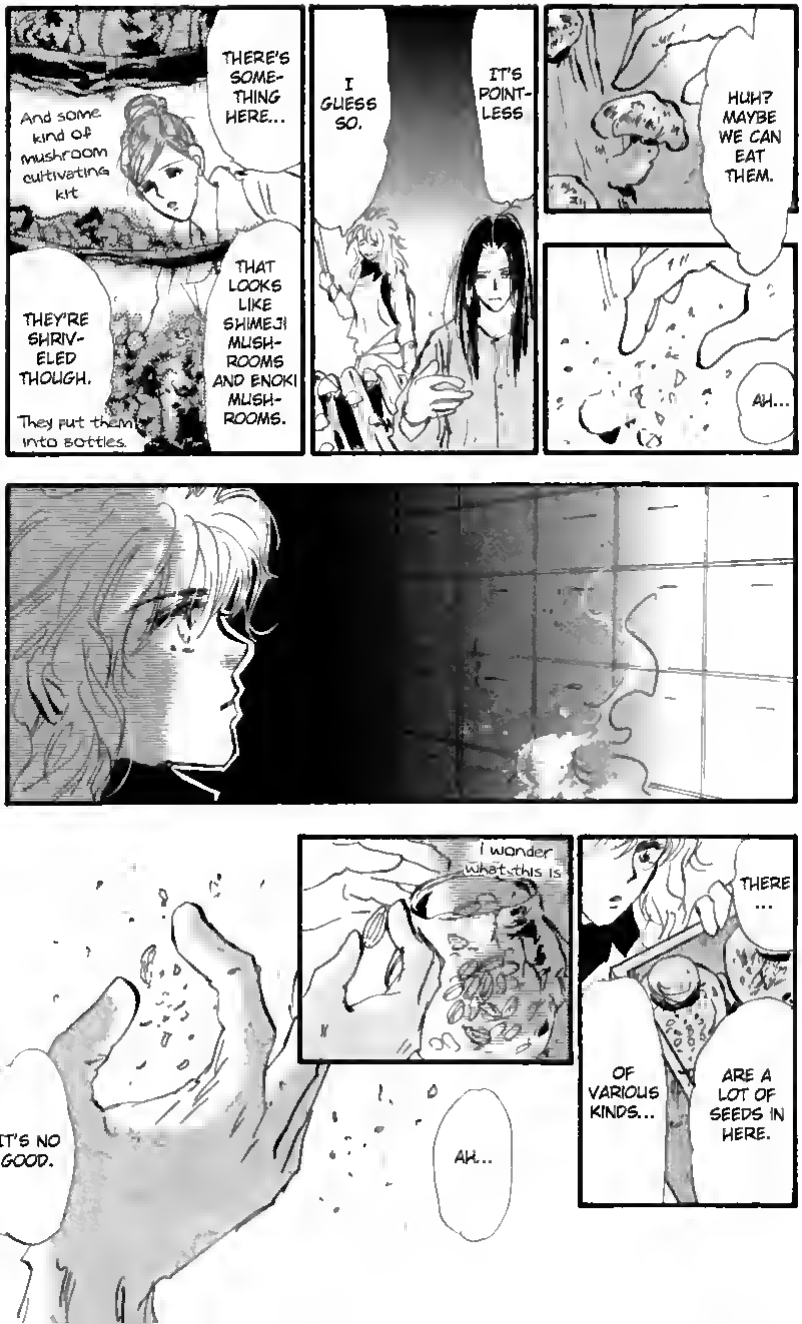
There aren't any danger signs anywhere either
IN THAT CASE,
YOU KNOW, I HOPE THIS ISN'T A NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY OR SOMETHING.
I THINK THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SECURED BETTER.
Like this, people in the future would open it by mistake.
I hope so

THERE'S ...
ANOTHER DOOR AT THE FAR END.

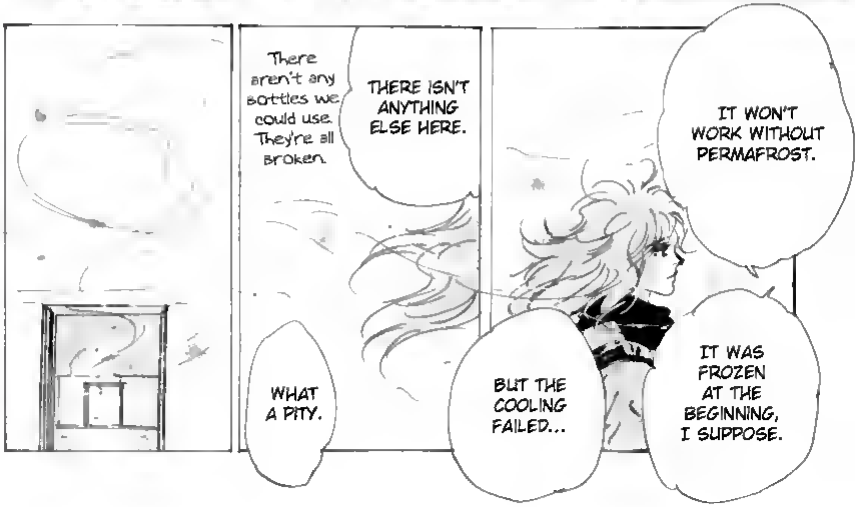
What on earth is inside there...?
ANOTHER MASSIVE DOOR...
clank
clank
slide
clank
clank
clank
WHO

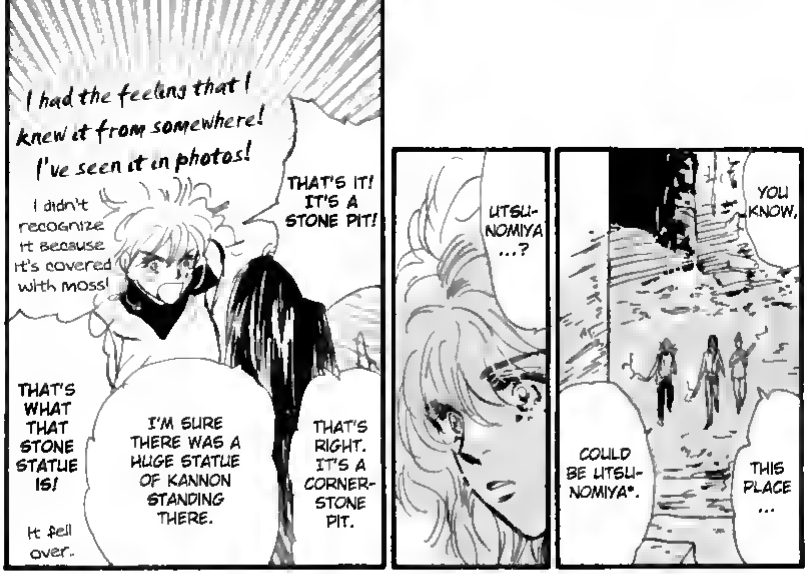
Stop trembling
..THAT CAN'T BE.
STARTED MOVING.
THE AIR THAT'S BEEN LOCKED IN THERE AND STAGNATED...
WIND ...?

WHAT?!
HUH?!
THERE IS...
SOMETHING THERE...
SUDDENLY SMELLS OF MOLD.
THE MOLD HAS SURVIVED?
in here, and this long?
WHAT'S THAT?
SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS?

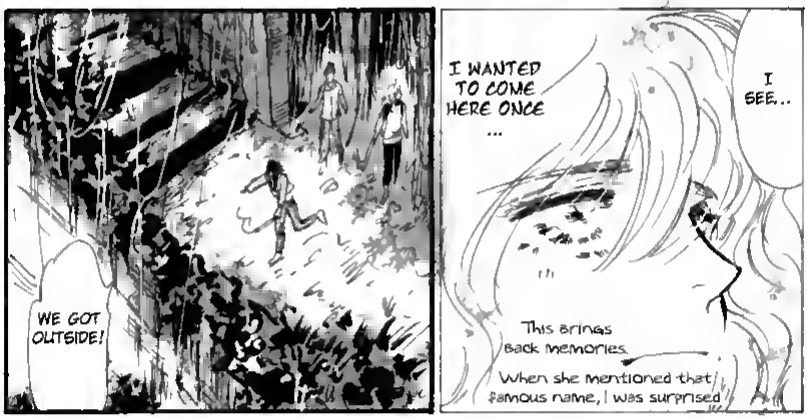

THERE'S SOMETHING HERE...
And some kind of mushroom cultivating kit
THAT LOOKS LIKE SHIMEJI MUSHROOMS AND ENOKI MUSHROOMS.
THEY'RE SHRIVELED THOUGH.
They put them into bottles.
I GUESS SO.
IT'S POINTLESS
HUH? MAYBE WE CAN EAT THEM.
AH...
I wonder what this is
IT'S NO GOOD.
AH...
THERE ...
OF VARIOUS KINDS...
ARE A LOT OF SEEDS IN HERE.

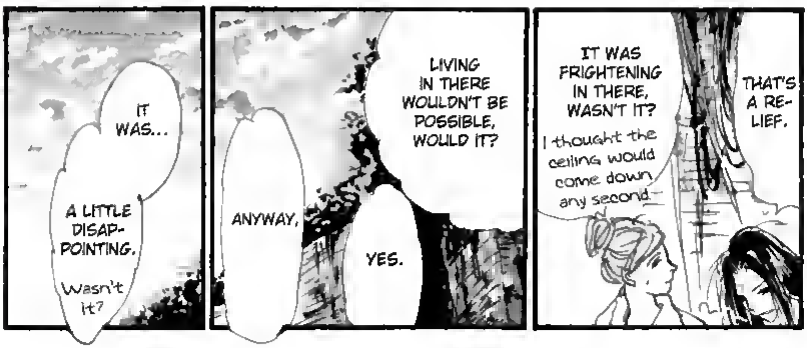
THEY INTENDED TO LEAVE SEEDS AND MUSHROOMS ...
BEHIND FOR US, HUH?
BUT THEIR ATTEMPT FAILED.


IT WON'T WORK WITHOUT PERMAFROST.
There aren't any bottles we could use. They're all broken.
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING ELSE HERE.
IT WAS FROZEN AT THE BEGINNING, I SUPPOSE.
BUT THE COOLING FAILED...
WHAT A PITY.


I had the feeling that I knew it from somewhere! I've seen it in photos!
I didn't recognize it because it's covered with moss!
THAT'S IT! IT'S A STONE PIT!
THAT'S WHAT THAT STONE STATUE IS!
It fell over.
I'M SURE THERE WAS A HUGE STATUE OF KANNON STANDING THERE.
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S A CORNER-STONE PIT.
UTSU-NOMIYA ...?
YOU KNOW,
COULD BE UTSU-NOMIYA*.
THIS PLACE ...

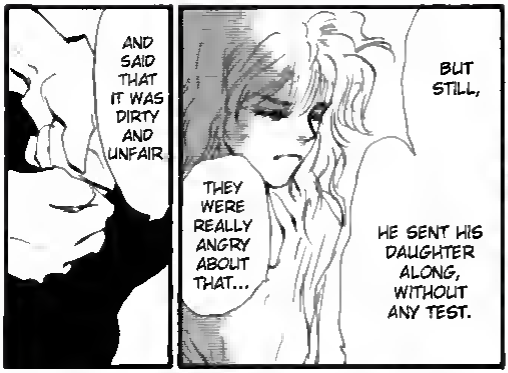
*city approximately 100 km north of Tokyo


WE GOT OUTSIDE!
I WANTED TO COME HERE ONCE ...
I SEE..
This brings back memories.
When she mentioned that famous name, I was surprised.


IT WAS...
A LITTLE DISAP-POINTING.
Wasn't it?
ANYWAY,
LIVING IN THERE WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE, WOULD IT?
YES.
IT WAS FRIGHTENING IN THERE, WASN'T IT?
I thought the ceiling would come down any second.
THAT'S A RE-LIEF.

You're right. Actually, it was scary. I'm glad nothing happened.
But, against my expectations, today was quite fun. Can we do it again?
Well, it feels like we've been on an expedition ever since we came here.
Yeah, But,
YOU CAN ONLY SAY THAT BECAUSE NOTHING HAPPENED.
We shouldn't test our luck.
OH,
BUT OUR EXPEDITION WAS THRILLING, WASN'T IT?
crackle
HANA...
NO, IT'S OKAY.
I'M SORRY. IT MUST BE HARD FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT IT.
than you used to be
But you're in a much better mood now.
APPARENTLY, HE'S IN TEAM SUMMER B.
FUJIKO-SAN!
MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
YOUR BOYFRIEND IS GONE NOW, ISN'T HE?

IF I TELL THEM,
THEY'LL THINK THAT IT'S UNFAIR TOO.
SHOULD I KEEP IT FROM THEM...?
WHAT?!
I...
HARDLY THINK THAT IT'S COINCI-DENCE.
That's amaz-ing!
CAN THERE BE SUCH A COINCI-DENCE?!
REPORT-EDLY,
MY DAD WAS INVOLVED IN "PROJECT 7 SEEDS."
Maybe my mom too
YOU SEE,
I ONLY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT A WHILE AGO.
BUT I WANT TO TELL THEM.
THEY KNEW MY DAD.
I HAD A DISPUTE ABOUT THAT WITH TEAM SUMMER A TOO.
OH MY! That's great
Your dad was under-standing, I guess
THAT'S WHY THEY SENT THEIR DAUGHTER AND HER BOYFRIEND ALONG, ISN'T IT?
REALLY?!


AND SAID THAT IT WAS DIRTY AND UNFAIR
BUT STILL,
THEY WERE REALLY ANGRY ABOUT THAT...
HE SENT HIS DAUGHTER ALONG, WITHOUT ANY TEST.

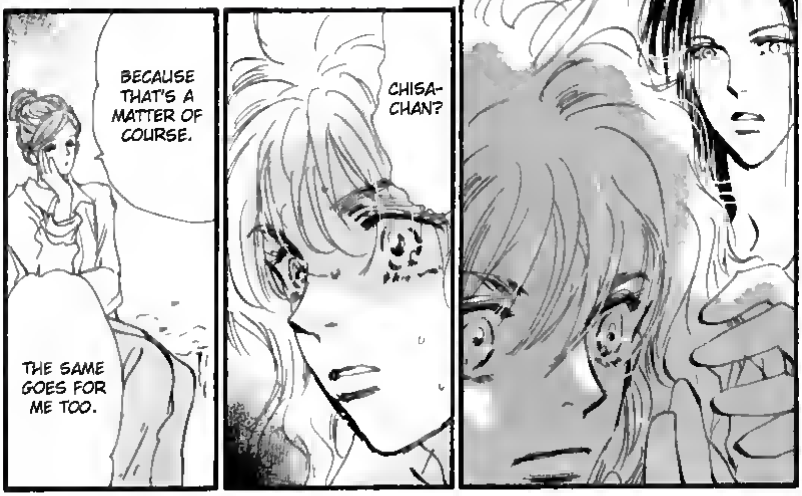
IT SEEMS THAT THE MEMBERS OF TEAM SUMMER A HAD TO TAKE A GRUESOME SELECTION TEST...
THEY TOLD ME THAT MY FATHER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.
WHERE PEOPLE DIED TOO...

WHAT?

THE PEOPLE FROM TEAM SUMMER A...
MUST NOT KNOW MUCH...
ABOUT OUR WORLD, DO THEY?

...UM, SO...
DID THEY MEAN TO SAY THAT IT ISN'T FAIR TO BE CHOSEN THROUGH CONNECTIONS?

YEAH ...
I understand their feelings.
OH MY,


BECAUSE THAT'S A MATTER OF COURSE.
THE SAME GOES FOR ME TOO.
CHISA-CHAN?

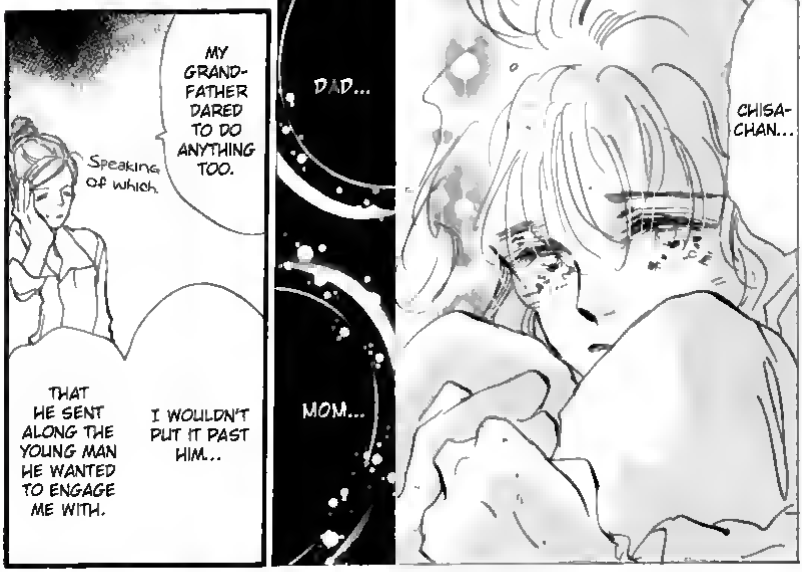
I'M SURE HE MUST HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT PROJECT AS WELL.
He held various minister posts. My grandfather's father and his father before him too
MY GRANDFATHER WAS A MAN WHO WAS CALLED THE DON OF THE WORLD OF POLITICS.

HOW DO YOU THINK...
THE PEOPLE FROM TEAM SUMMER A WERE CHOSEN AS CANDIDATES?
THAT IF HE FINANCES AND SUP-PORTS IT,
THEY HAVE TO INCLUDE HIS GRAND-DAUGTER TOO.
MAYBE HE WASN'T ONLY INVOLVED BUT THE CENTRAL FIGURE
SO, OF COURSE, HE'LL HAVE TOLD THEM...

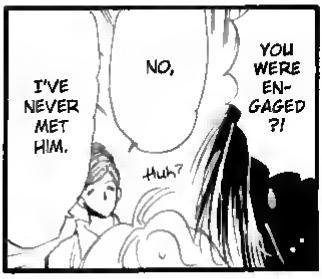
I'M SURE THEY WEREN'T RANDOMLY SELECTED, EITHER.
IT WAS INTENDED BY SOMEONE WITH CONNECTIONS.
IT'S NOT LIKELY THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY ULTERIOR AIM...
WHEN THEY CHOSE SUCH A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
BUT BRINGING UP SOMETHING LIKE THAT AMONG ONE'S PEOPLE...
WOULD BE CONSIDERED BAD FORM.
WHEN YOU MEET THE PEOPLE FROM TEAM SUMMER A NEXT TIME,
YOU SHOULD TELL THEM...
WHAT REAL CONNECTIONS IN THIS WORLD ARE.

HANA-SAN.
YES ...?
You surprised me.
THE FACT THAT YOUR FATHER COULD SEND YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND ALONG...
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU WEREN'T CHOSEN BY DRAWING LOTS.
INDEED.
MY PARENTS WERE DOCTORS,
BUT THEY MUST HAVE HAD SOME CONNECTIONS.
I'm sure of it
MEANS THAT HE WAS INFLUENTIAL.
AND THAT HE HAD INFLUENCE...
MEANS THAT HE...
WORKED HIMSELF TO THE BONE FOR THAT PROJECT.

HE EXERTED ALL HIS POWERS
AND GAVE HIS LIFE FOR IT.
CHISA-CHAN,
...
ARE YOU AFFIRMING MY DAD?
AM I NOT ALLOWED TO AFFIRM HIS DAUGHTER?
I JUST CAN'T HELP ADMIRING YOU.
BECAUSE PEOPLE WITHOUT ANY PRINCIPLES OR OPINIONS ...
WILL NEVER HAVE ANY POWER.


MY GRANDFATHER DARED TO DO ANYTHING TOO.
Speaking of which,
THAT HE SENT ALONG THE YOUNG MAN HE WANTED TO ENGAGE ME WITH.
I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST HIM...
DAD...
MOM...
CHISA-CHAN...

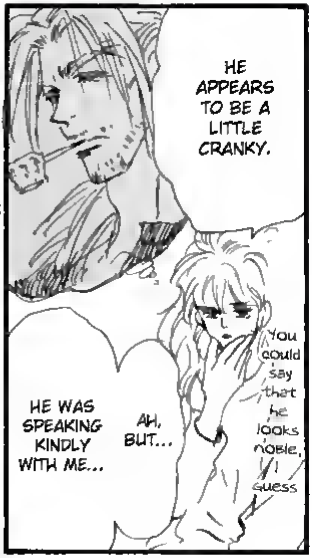
AND HE CONSIDERED HIM AS A POTENTIAL HUSBAND FOR ME.
BUT MY GRANDFATHER THOUGHT HIGHLY OF HIM,
It was a little bothersome.

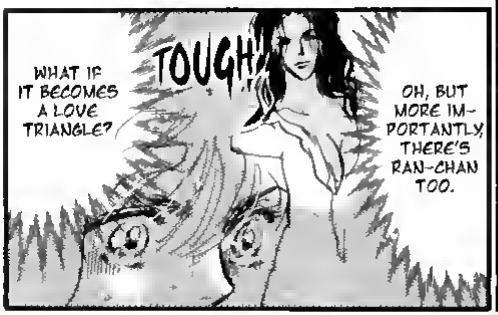

I'VE NEVER MET HIM.
NO,
YOU WERE ENGAGED?!
Huh?

HUH?
OH, THAT REMINDS ME,
HIS NAME CONTAINS A SEASON TOO.
AND HE WAS ABLE TO EXPAND IT QUICKLY
AND HE WAS THE CEO OF A VENTURE BUSINESS HE'D FOUNDED WHILE A STUDENT...
HE WENT TO A RENOWNED JAPANESE-AMERICAN COLLEGE,

WHAT?!
HIS NAME ISN'T AKIRA, IS IT?
YOU KNOW AKIRA HAZA-SAN?
Oh,
THAT STORY SOUNDS FAMIL-IAR...
UM... SURELY,
HE'S IN TEAM AUTUMN!
IS HE AN AC-QUAINT-ANCE OF YOURS?!
AKIRA ?!
FUJIKO-CHAN PUTS MUCH STORE BY GOOD LOOKS.
I GUESS SO...
Huh?
HAND-SOME ...?
WHAT'S HE LIKE?
Huh?!
NO, BUT AKIRA?!
HE'S YOUR FIANCÉ ?!
IS HE HAND-SOME?
OH, I KNEW IT.
THAT'S SO LIKE MY GRAND-FATHER.
SEE, THAT'S WHAT I MEANT BY CONNECTIONS.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HIM.
OH NO,
HE MIGHT SUIT YOU, CHISA-CHAN...


HE APPEARS TO BE A LITTLE CRANKY.
You could say that he looks noble, I guess
AH, BUT...
HE WAS SPEAKING KINDLY WITH ME...


TOUGH!
WHAT IF IT BECOMES A LOVE TRIANGLE?
OH, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THERE'S RAN-CHAN TOO.

WHO
OSU

A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND SHOOK THE TREES.
THE BIG TREE LOOKED LIKE IT WAS SQUIRMING AND SCREAMING.

I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS MY IMAGINATION.

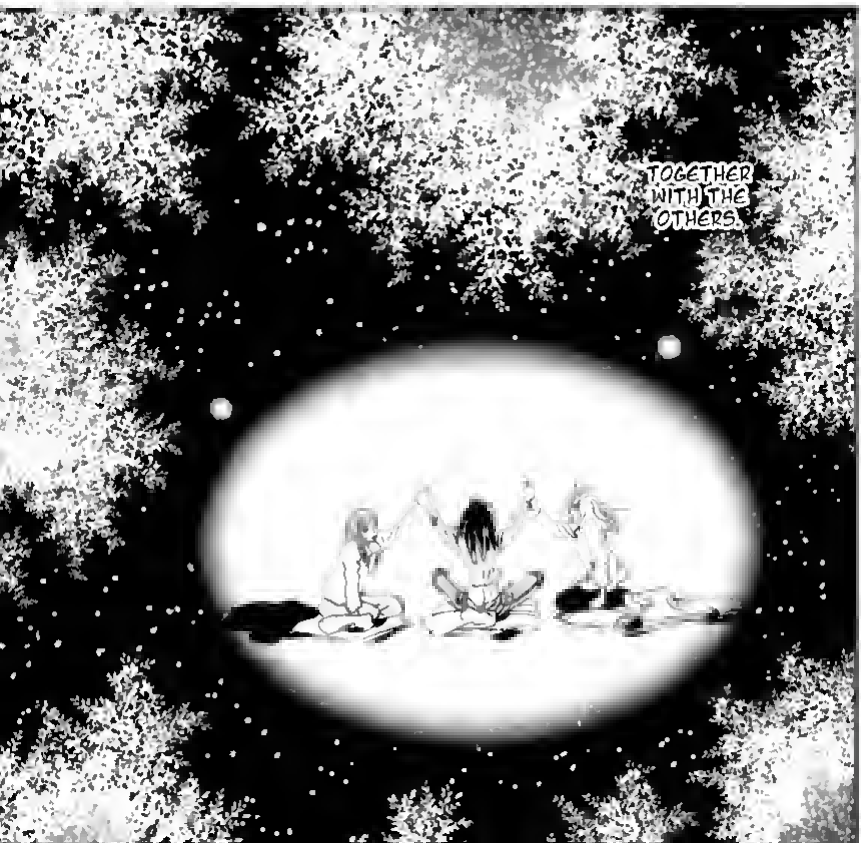
whinny
whinny
coo
hoot
croak croak croak
splish
croak
croak
squeak
squeak
rustle
croak
croak
coo
coo
croak
squeak
MAYBE THERE'LL BE SOME CHANGE OF SEASON.
THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THAT STRONG WIND FROM BEFORE ..
It lasted only a moment, though.
coo
coo
croak
croak
hoot
THEY'RE A LITTLE NOISY TONIGHT.
hoot hoot
squeak
croak
croak
At first sight, you don't see anything. But there are many small animals and insects around, I guess.
THERE ARE A LOT OF ANIMAL CRIES TO BE HEARD.

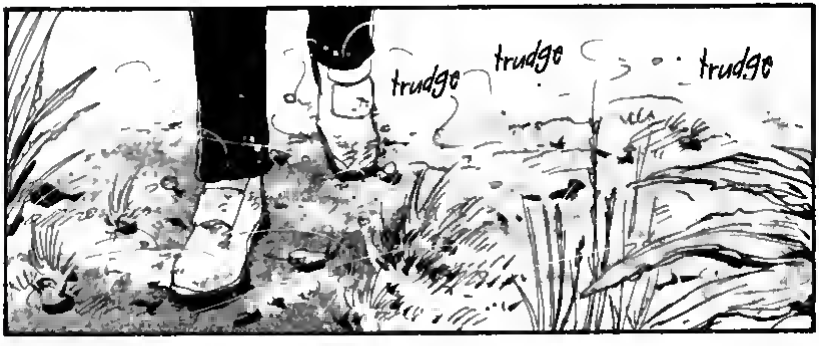
WON'T THE OTHERS BE SEARCHING FOR YOU?
MAYBE WE'LL RUN INTO THEM ON THE WAY.
I DON'T THINK SO.
YES... IF WE HEAD SOUTH...
AND MANAGE TO REACH THE SHELTER IN KYOGATAKE,
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND THE OTHERS BY FOLLOWING THEIR PATH FROM THERE...
It'll be a big detour, though.
IF IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN,
WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE, HUH?
Yeah.
WE KNOW THAT THIS IS UTSUNOMIYA TOO.
Probably.
THEY FOLLOWED ME DOWN INTO THE UNDERGROUND,
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD HAVE TAKEN THE SAME ROUTE AS I DID FROM THERE.
I don't think that they know where I was washed up
THAT ARAMAKI-SAN !!
I'M SURE
AND HARU ARE WORRIED ABOUT ME...

MAYBE ...
I REALLY DIED ONCE.
I'M SURE THEY DO.
THEY'LL THINK THE SAME ABOUT US TOO.
turn
PROBABLY THINK THAT I'M ALREADY DEAD...
BUT THEY...
YEAH...
THAT I WAS REBORN IN THIS WORLD.
I HAVE THE FEELING ...
I'LL LIVE ON HERE.
SOUNDS NICE.

WE'LL...
LIVE ON HERE...
HUH?
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT,
SO LET'S NOT BE RELUCTANT ...
BUT THINK POSITIVELY ABOUT IT, SHALL WE?
LET'S LIVE ON HERE AS LIVING BEINGS...
OF THIS WORLD.

WE'LL LIVE ON HERE...


TOGETHER WITH THE OTHERS.



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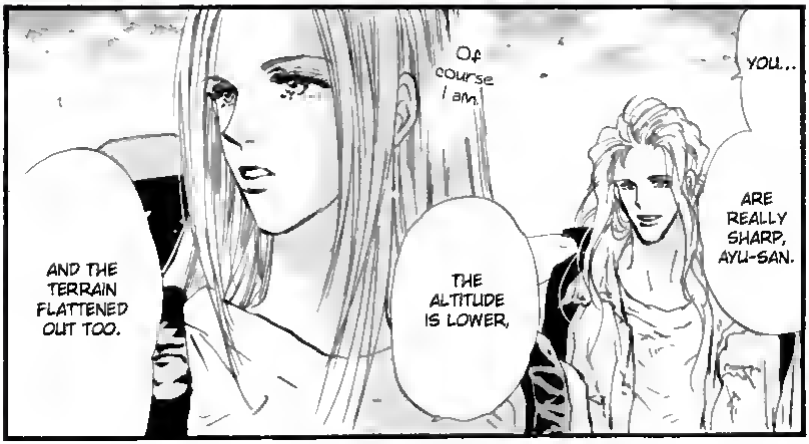

AND THE TERRAIN FLATTENED OUT TOO.
THE ALTITUDE IS LOWER.
Of course I am.
YOU...
ARE REALLY SHARP, AYU-SAN.

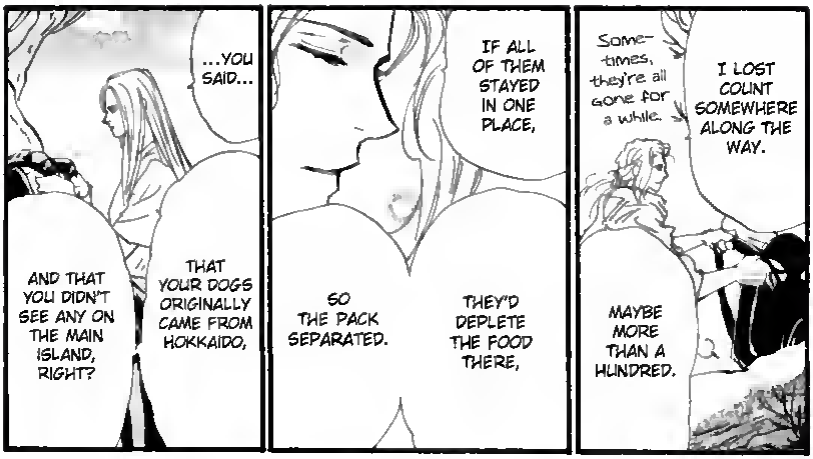
yap
yap
REALLY ...?
Eek!

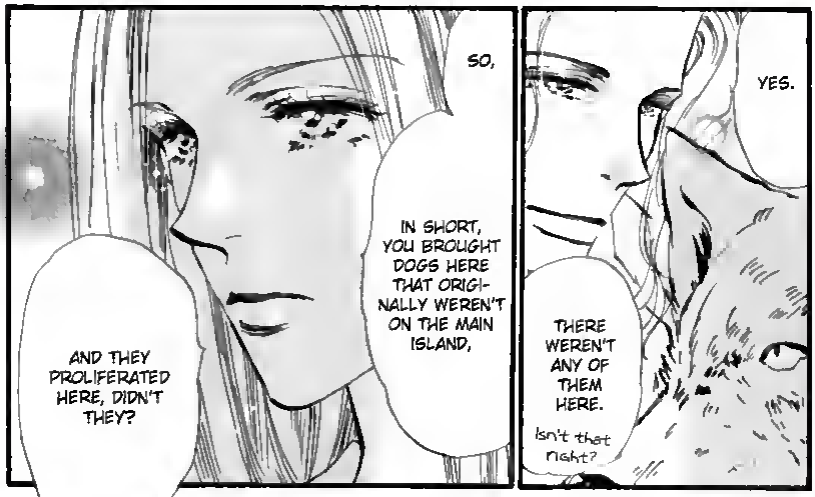
I THINK WE'RE CLOSE TO THE COAST.
PROB-ABLY.

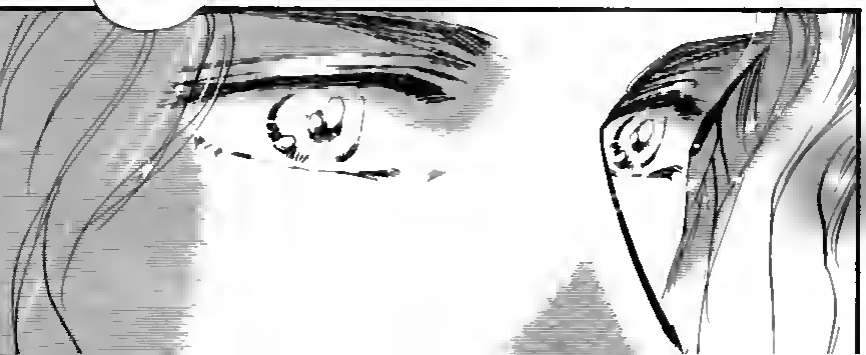
chuckle
yap
IF YOU'RE HUNGRY, GO AND FIND SOMETHING TO EAT YOURSELF!
yap
KURO-DA,
WHAT IS IT?
HE WANTS TO PLAY.

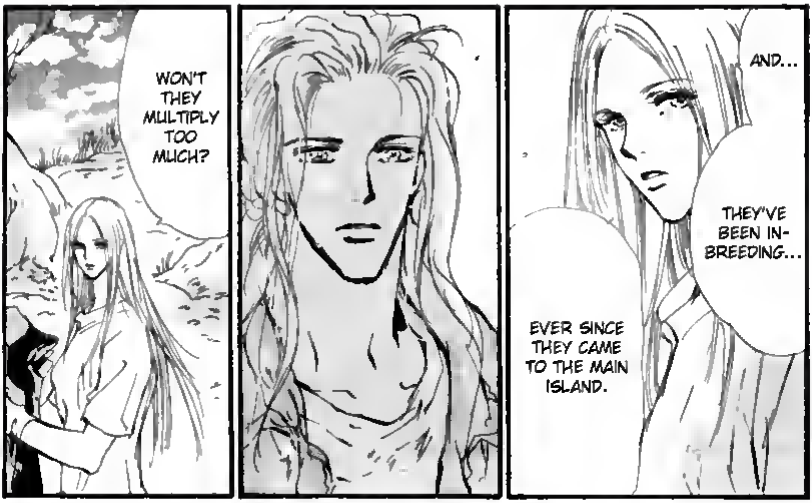
YOU...
THROW ?
COULD THROW THIS STICK.
YOU COULD THROW SOMETHING FOR HIM.
PLAY ...?
HOW DO YOU DO THAT?
WHOOSH
?
woof
tap tap tap tap tap tap
IS HE ENJOYING IT?
YAP
Are you trying to tell me to throw it again?
YAP
THAT'S SILLY, ISN'T IT?
tap tap tap tap
YAP
SNAP

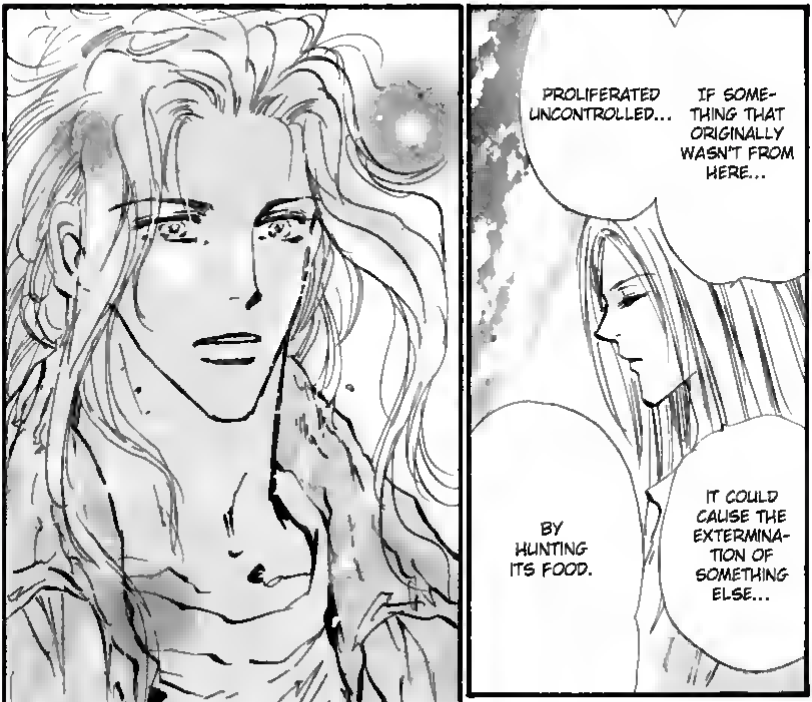
Please keep going.
See you.
Later.
Good luck.
Here.
GOOD JOB DID YOU FIND ANY LEADS?
No
THANK YOU DEREK AND TINO.
Here's a present for you.
tap
Hello.
Hello
tap
Oh!
TO SEARCH FOR HANA-SAN FOR ME.
YEAH.
THEY'RE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY...
There are still a lot more of them, aren't there?
THOSE TWO WERE DOGS I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
Derek is their leader.
DO YOU HAVE?
SAY,
HOW MANY DOGS..
SHOULD WE PITCH CAMP HERE TODAY?
Okay
LET'S MAKE DINNER.
THERE'S A WATER PLACE AROUND TOO.


...YOU SAID...
THAT YOUR DOGS ORIGINALLY CAME FROM HOKKAIDO,
AND THAT YOU DIDN'T SEE ANY ON THE MAIN ISLAND, RIGHT?
IF ALL OF THEM STAYED IN ONE PLACE,
THEY'D DEPLETE THE FOOD THERE,
SO THE PACK SEPARATED.
I LOST COUNT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY.
Sometimes, they're all gone for a while.
MAYBE MORE THAN A HUNDRED.


SO,
IN SHORT, YOU BROUGHT DOGS HERE THAT ORIGINALLY WEREN'T ON THE MAIN ISLAND,
AND THEY PROLIFERATED HERE, DIDN'T THEY?
YES.
THERE WEREN'T ANY OF THEM HERE.
Isn't that right?



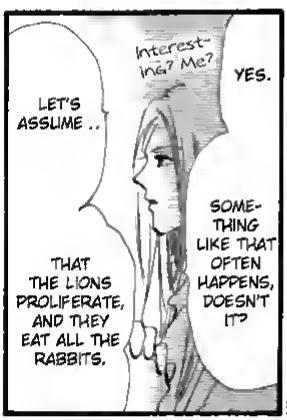

WON'T THEY MULTIPLY TOO MUCH?
AND...
THEY'VE BEEN IN-BREEDING...
EVER SINCE THEY CAME TO THE MAIN ISLAND.


PROLIFERATED UNCONTROLLED...
IF SOME-THING THAT ORIGINALLY WASN'T FROM HERE...
BY HUNTING ITS FOOD.
IT COULD CAUSE THE EXTERMINA-TION OF SOMETHING ELSE...

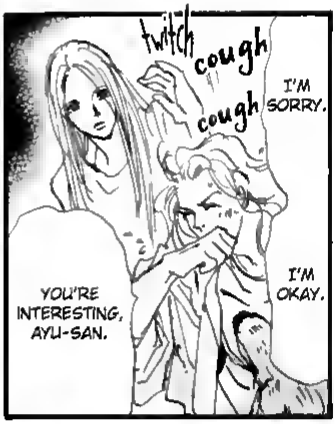
...I'M SORRY..
SOMETHING LIKE THAT..
HAS NEVER CROSSED MY MIND.
whine
I FELT PROTECT-ED...
AND SAFE WITH THEM..
I...
WAS JUST HAPPY THAT THEY WERE WITH ME.
THAT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT YOU HAD YOUR HANDS FULL SURVIVING.

crackle
crackle
HE FELL INTO LOW SPIRITS.
DID I SAY SOME-THING WRONG?
TAKA-SAN, ARE YOU MAD?
BUT IT WAS THE TRUTH.
DID I SAY TOO MUCH?
NO, I'M NOT MAD.
I THINK YOU'RE AMAZING, AYU-SAN.

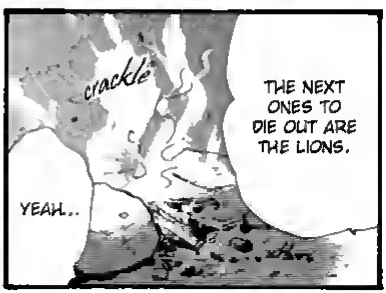
BECAUSE SOMETHING THAT MULTIPLIES UNCONTROLLED AND DISRUPTS THE BALANCE...
IT'S OKAY TO BE SELFISH.
THAT'S FINE WITH ME.
WILL BE NATURALLY SELECTED AND QUICKLY DECREASE IN NUMBER AGAIN.
PFFT
EVEN IF YOU TELL ME SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
BUT...
AND I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT EITHER...
I'M NOT GOING TO DEAL WITH IT.
OH?
cough cough cough
DID I SAY SOME-THING STRANGE?
ARE YOU OKAY?
cough cough
pat pat

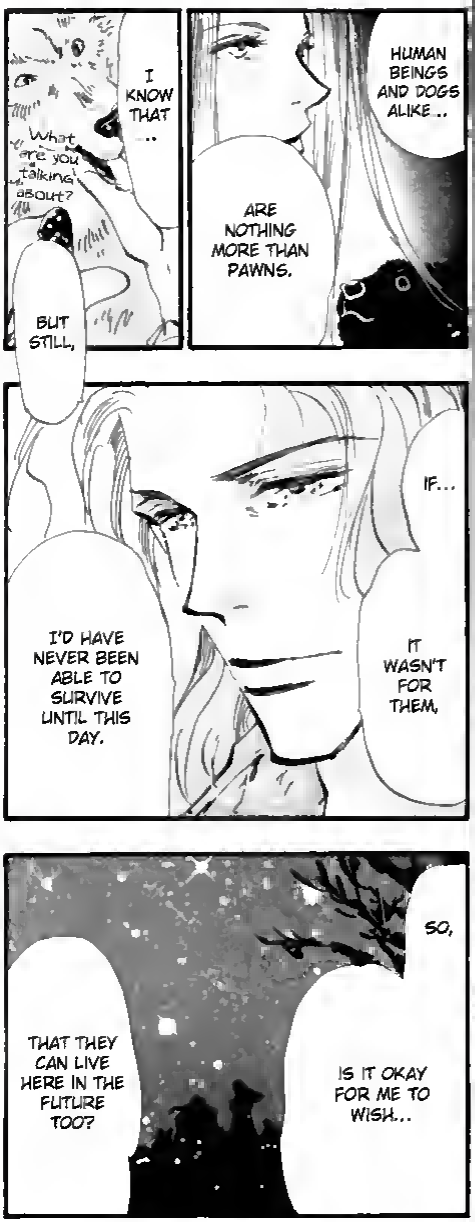

LET'S ASSUME ..
THAT THE LIONS PROLIFERATE, AND THEY EAT ALL THE RABBITS.
Interesting? Me?
YES.
SOMETHING LIKE THAT OFTEN HAPPENS, DOESN'T IT?

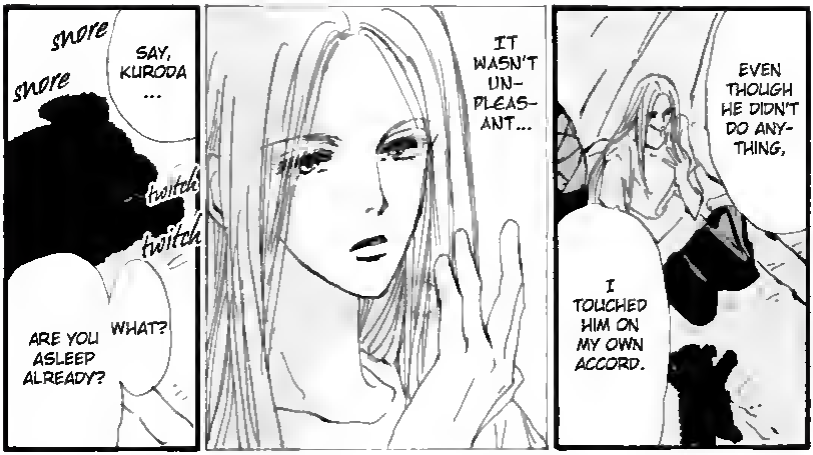
It's okay to be selfish ?
SO, THEY'LL BE ..NATURALLY SELECTED?
MY DOGS?

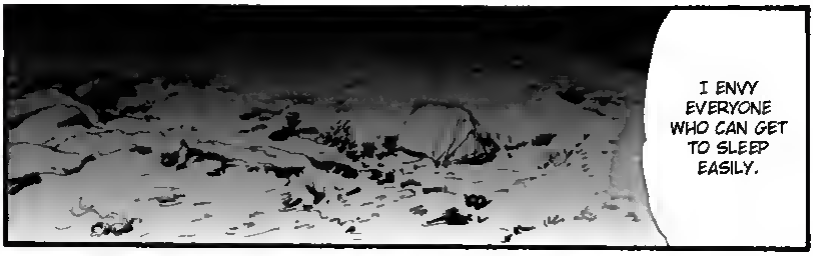

twitch
cough
cough
I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE INTERESTING, AYU-SAN.
I'M OKAY.

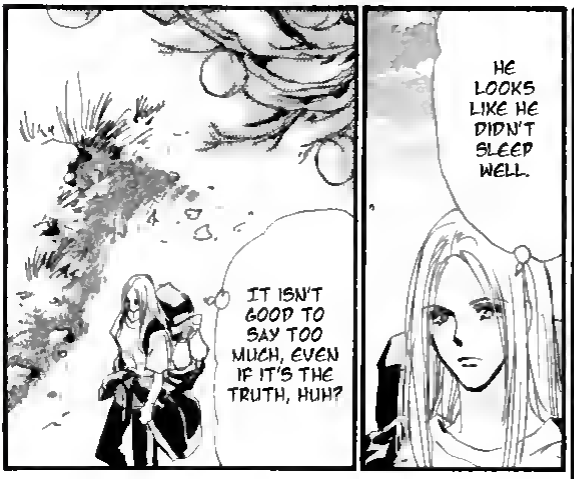
FOR BOTH PLANTS AND ANIMALS.
BALANCE IS IMPORTANT.


crackle
YEAH..
THE NEXT ONES TO DIE OUT ARE THE LIONS.


What are you talking about?
I KNOW THAT ..
HUMAN BEINGS AND DOGS ALIKE ..
ARE NOTHING MORE THAN PAWNS.
BUT STILL,
IF...
I'D HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE UNTIL THIS DAY.
IT WASN'T FOR THEM,
SO,
THAT THEY CAN LIVE HERE IN THE FUTURE TOO?
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO WISH...
IF SOMETHING THAT ORIGINALLY WASN'T THERE ENTERS A PLACE...
AND DISRUPTS THE BALANCE OF THE ECO-SYSTEM,
NATURE WILL TRY VARIOUS MEANS...
TO RESTORE BALANCE, WON'T IT?

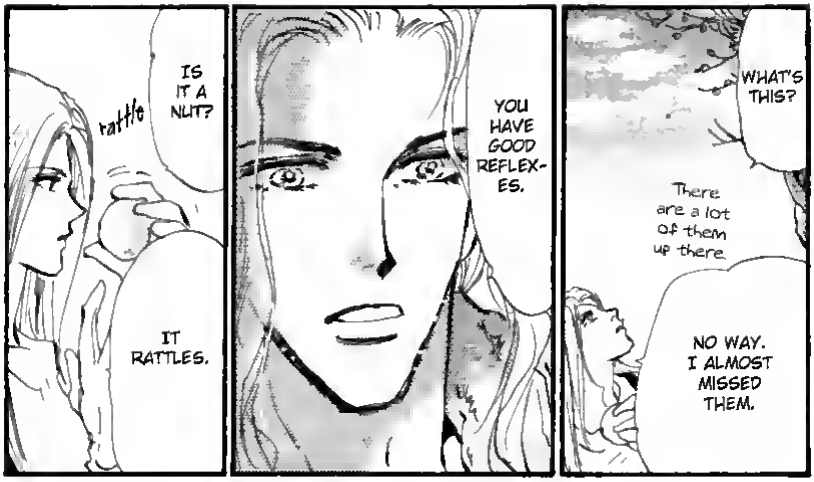

snore
snore
SAY, KURODA ...
twitch
twitch
ARE YOU ASLEEP ALREADY?
WHAT?
IT WASN'T UN-PLEAS-ANT...
EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING,
I TOUCHED HIM ON MY OWN ACCORD.

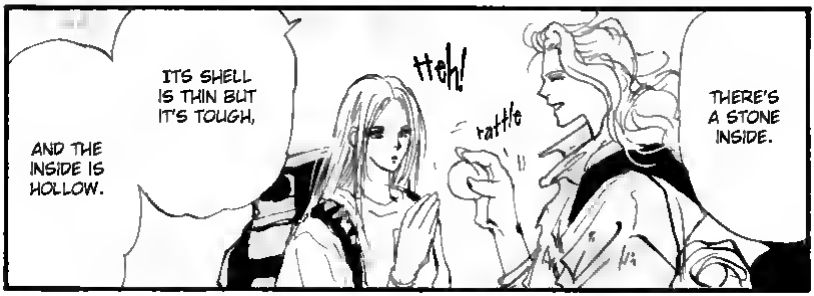

I ENVY EVERYONE WHO CAN GET TO SLEEP EASILY.

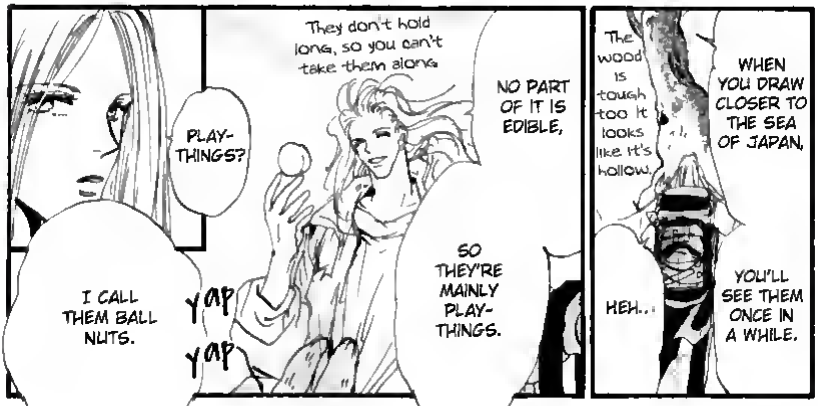

IT ISN'T GOOD TO SAY TOO MUCH, EVEN IF IT'S THE TRUTH, HUH?
HE LOOKS LIKE HE DIDN'T SLEEP WELL.

While looking out for plants
SO, SHOULD WE WALK FASTER TODAY?
I'M QUITE SURE THAT WE'LL GET TO SEE THE OCEAN.

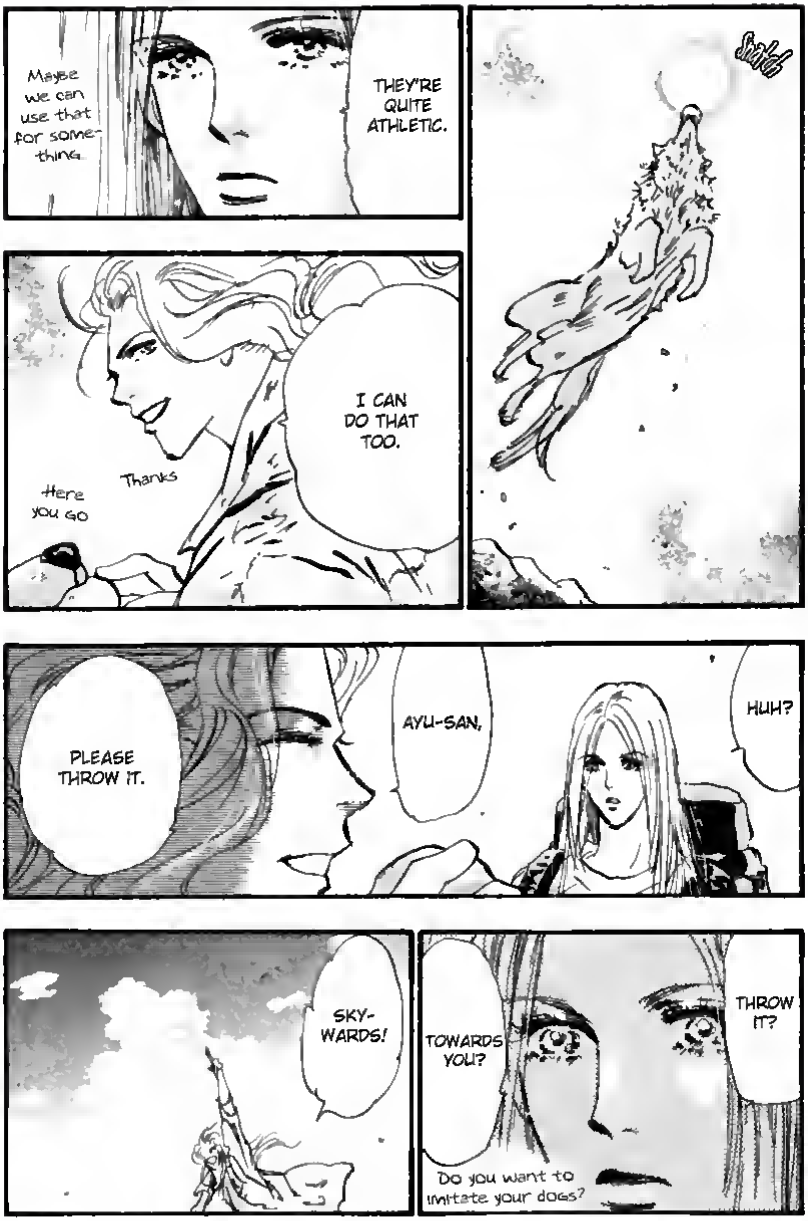
WHOOSH
drop
WATCH OU...
snatch


IS IT A NUT?
rattle
IT RATTLES.
YOU HAVE GOOD REFLEX-ES.
WHAT'S THIS?
There are a lot of them up there.
NO WAY. I ALMOST MISSED THEM.


ITS SHELL IS THIN BUT IT'S TOUGH,
AND THE INSIDE IS HOLLOW.
tteh!
rattle
THERE'S A STONE INSIDE.

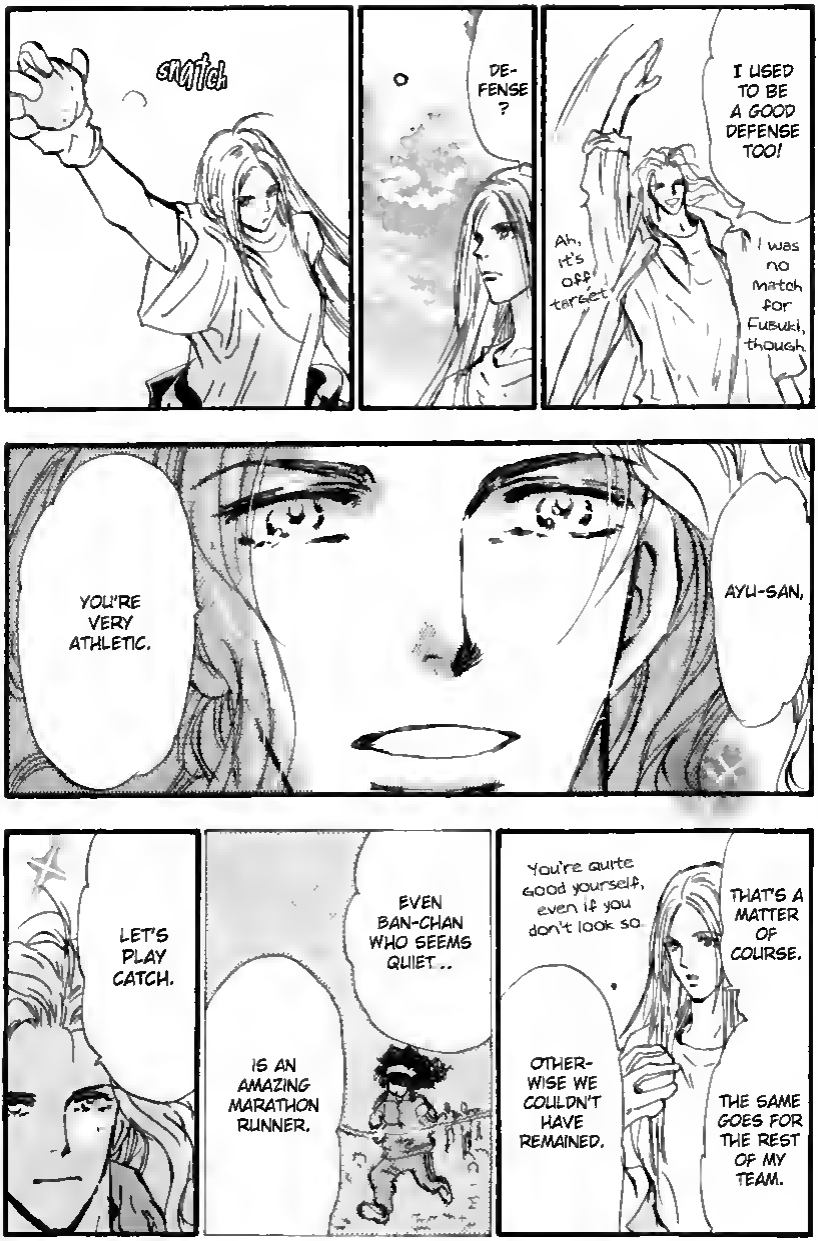

PLAY-THINGS?
I CALL THEM BALL NUTS.
They don't hold long, so you can't take them alone.
yap
yap
NO PART OF IT IS EDIBLE,
SO THEY'RE MAINLY PLAY-THINGS.
The wood is tough, too. It looks like it's hollow.
HEH..
WHEN YOU DRAW CLOSER TO THE SEA OF JAPAN,
YOU'LL SEE THEM ONCE IN A WHILE.

TOSS
FUBUKI!
snatch
DASH
TOSS
woof
NOW YOU, MI-TSURU-SAN!
I brought it back
Heh!
WHOA.

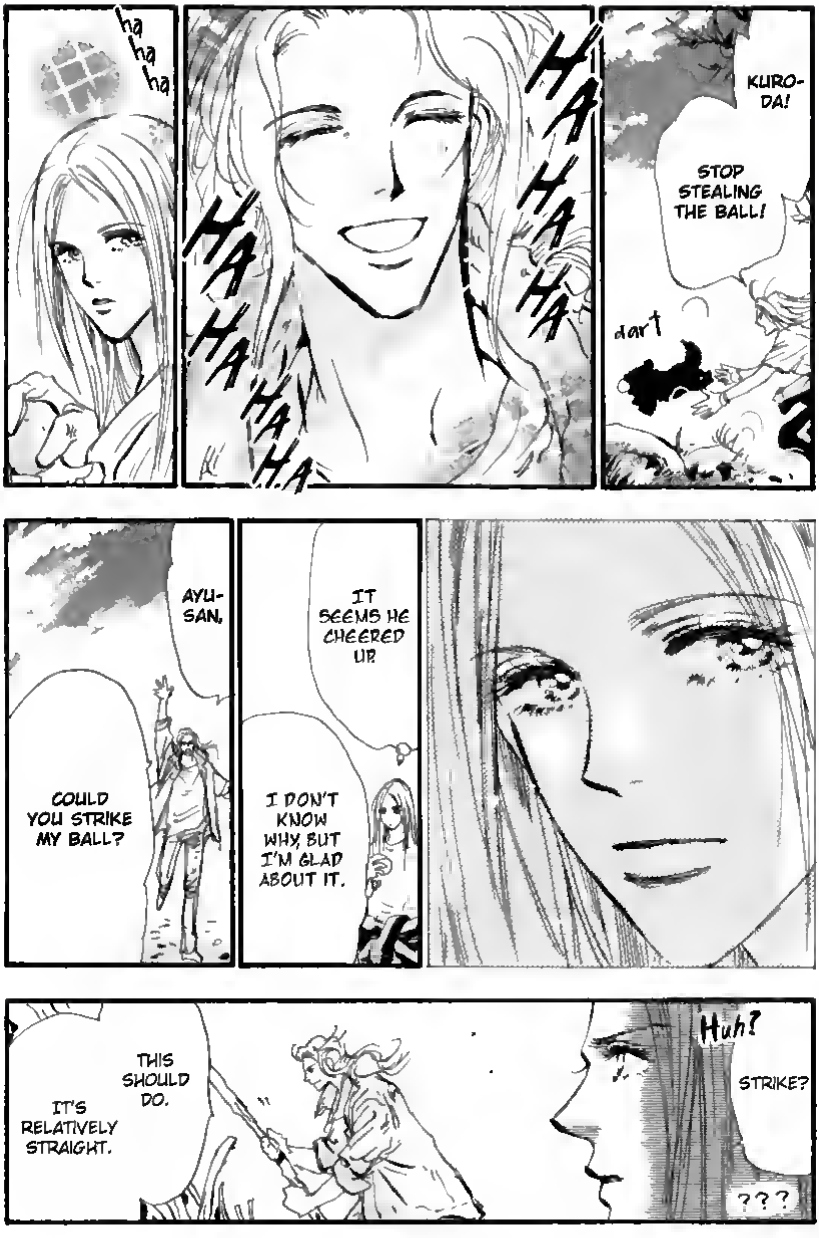

Maybe we can use that for something
THEY'RE QUITE athletic.
Snatch
I CAN DO THAT TOO.
Thanks
Here you go
PLEASE THROW IT.
AYU-SAN,
HUH?
SKY-WARDS!
TOWARDS YOU?
THROW IT?
Do you want to imitate your dogs?

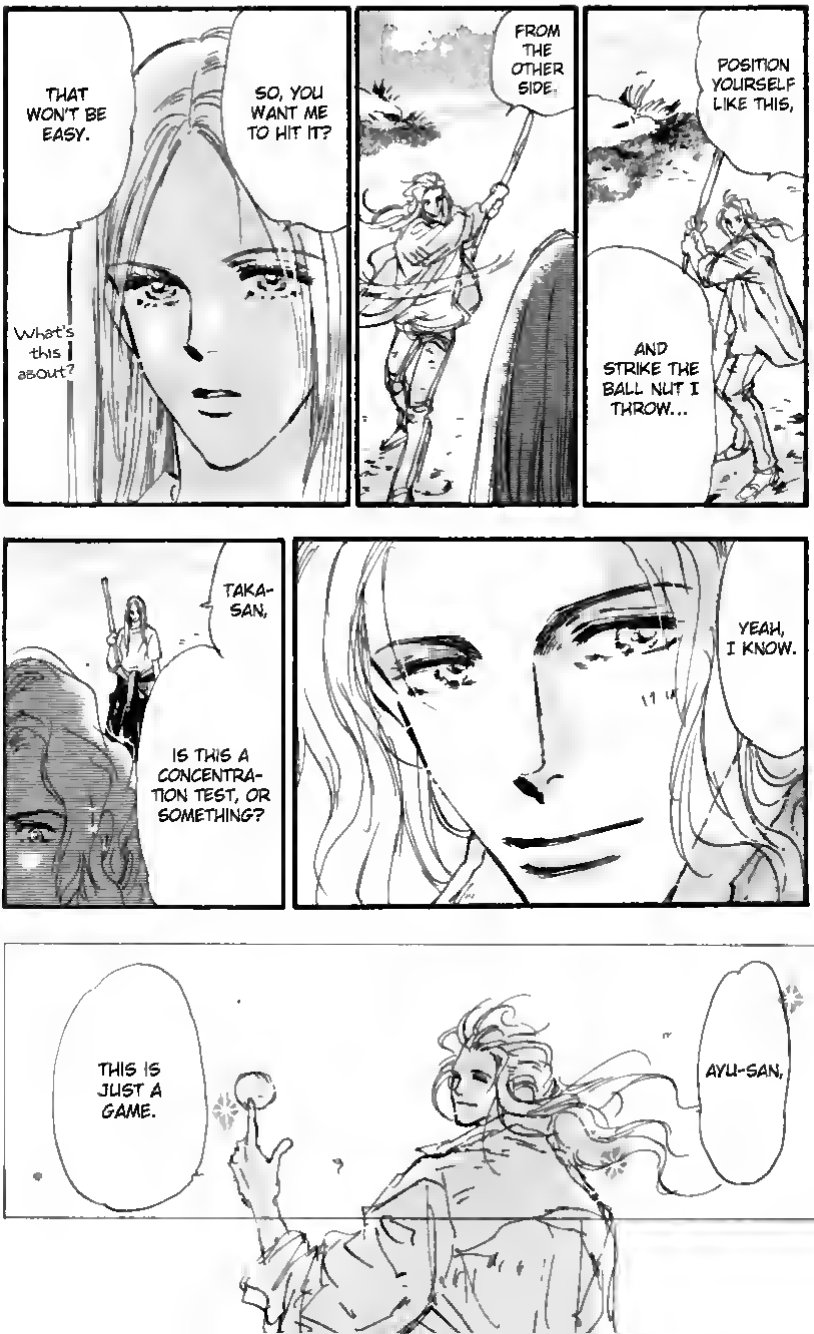
toss
toss
ONE MORE TIME PLEASE.
A LITTLE FURTHER...
catch
hoh

tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
TOSS
STOMP
jump


snatch
DE-FENSE ?
I USED TO BE A GOOD DEFENSE TOO!
Ah, it's off target
I was no match for Fusuki, though
YOU'RE VERY ATHLETIC.
AYU-SAN,
LET'S PLAY CATCH.
EVEN BAN-CHAN WHO SEEMS QUIET..
IS AN AMAZING MARATHON RUNNER.
You're quite good yourself, even if you don't look so.
THAT'S A MATTER OF COURSE.
OTHER-WISE WE COULDN'T HAVE REMAINED.
THE SAME GOES FOR THE REST OF MY TEAM.

TOSS
snatch
TOSS
Play catch?
Huh ?
ARE WE DOING THIS FOR?
TOSS
What kind of exercise is this?
WHAT ...
snatch
Ayu-san, nice catch. You're skillful
AM I DOING?
Sorry it's a little off target
WHAT ...
SNATCH


ha ha ha
HA HA HA HA HA HA
KURO-DA!
STOP STEALING THE BALL!
don't
AYU-SAN,
COULD YOU STRIKE MY BALL?
IT SEEMS HE CHEERED UP.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I'M GLAD ABOUT IT.
Huh?
STRIKE?
???
THIS SHOULD DO.
IT'S RELATIVELY STRAIGHT.

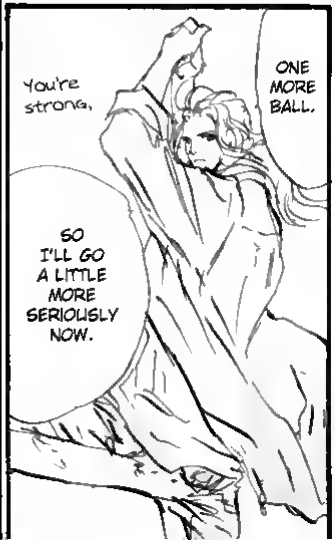

What's this about?
THAT WON'T BE EASY.
SO, YOU WANT ME TO HIT IT?
FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
POSITION YOURSELF LIKE THIS,
AND STRIKE THE BALL NUT I THROW...
TAKA-SAN,
IS THIS A CONCENTRA-TION TEST, OR SOMETHING?
YEAH, I KNOW.
THIS IS JUST A GAME.
AYU-SAN,

I'll throw a little harder
TOSS
LET'S TRY IT AGAIN.
ONE STRIKE.
Ball dog
humph
WH
A GAME?
Huh?
OOSH
IS IT NECESSARY TO PLAY NOW?
WHOOSH
humph
TWO STRIKES.
I ALWAYS SCORE STRIKES, YOU SEE
Sorry for being so gleeful
IF YOU DON'T HIT AFTER THREE STRIKES, YOU'RE OUT.

Whoa!
crack
WHACK
TO

WHOOSH

I'm sorry.
I HIT IT!
THAT WAS A FOUL.
You have to send the ball flying forwards

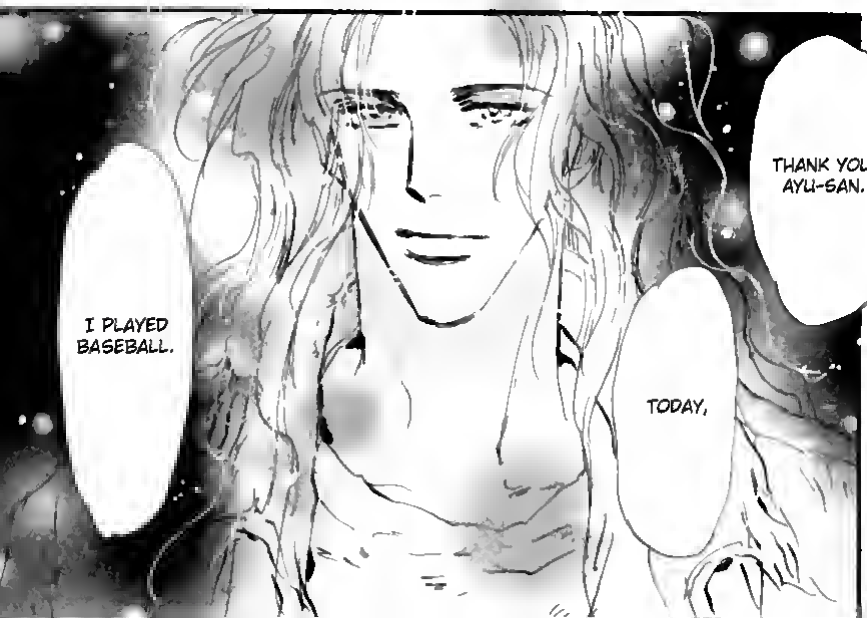

You're strong.
ONE MORE BALL.
SO I'LL GO A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY NOW.

I DID IT!
Left

PLEASE LET'S HAVE ANOTHER MATCH.
It's rankling me after all.
What?!
You want to go on?
I suddenly got serious
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'm not sure what I'm asking your opinion about, though.
AMAZ-ING!
AND AFTER I PUT MY WHOLE STRENGTH INTO IT.
Whoa! I'm happy even though you hit it
NO, I MEAN THE FOURTH IN BASEBALL ...
HEH? THE FOURTH ISN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL, IS IT?
I'm not really sure, though.
I WAS THE FOURTH BATTER, YOU KNOW.
AYU-SAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO PITCH TOO?
thud
clack
woof
clack
clack
toss
toss
It's a game?
Even though it's so exhausting?
SO, THIS WAS BASE-BALL?
THAT WAS ONLY PART OF IT.
Baseball isn't a game.
IT SEEMS I USED MUSCLES I USUALLY DON'T USE.
How pathetic.
MINE TOO.
That's a surprise.
MY ENTIRE BODY HURTS.

FOR ME,
IT WASN'T A WASTE OF TIME.
WASN'T IT A WASTE OF TIME?
It's stealing the body, I guess
WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE TODAY.
He was in the major league
WITH MORE PLAYERS, IT'D BE EVEN MORE FUN.
Kuroda is the name of a pitcher too
and they hurt
WHAT'S FUN ABOUT THAT?
My hands are swollen.

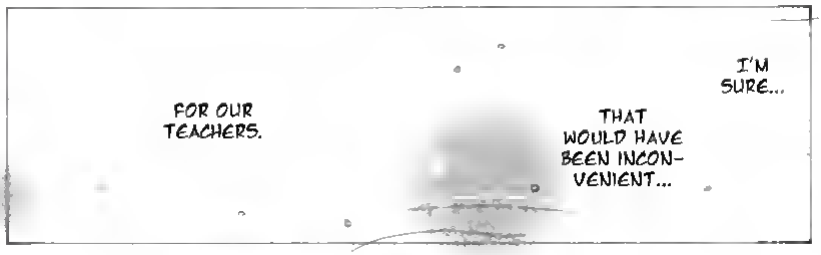
AND THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO DO IT ONE DAY...
WITHOUT THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THE COMPLETE EQUIPMENT.
I THOUGHT THAT I COULDN'T PLAY IT...
ALL THIS TIME,

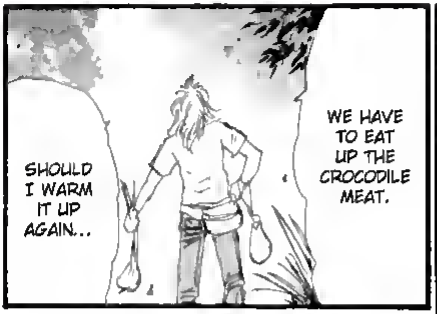

I PLAYED BASEBALL.
TODAY,
THANK YOU, AYU-SAN.

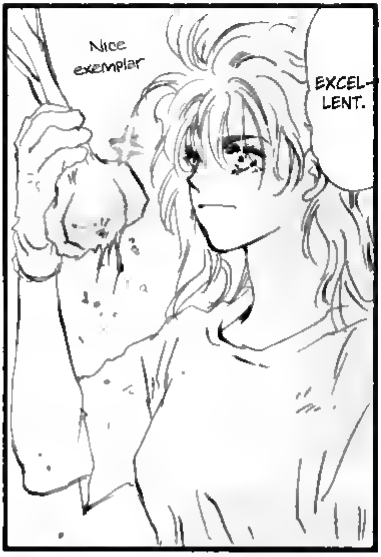
I'VE SEEN YOU SMILE FOR THE FIRST TIME TOO...
ZZZ
IT SEEMS I CAN LIVE ON...
A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
YOU'RE TIRED, AREN'T YOU?
Ssh!
YAP
watch-keeping
The people from team summer A are competitive when it comes to sports

BUT THIS TIRED FEELING IS NICE.
I CAN'T GET UP...
I LACK CAUTIOUSNESS.
WE COULD BE ATTACKED BY OTHER ANIMALS.
EVEN IF HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'LL TRY SOMETHING,
NO WAY! I DOSED OFF?!
I FELL ASLEEP WITHOUT MY KNOWING IT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
TAKA-SAN...
SO IT'S OKAY... HUH?
THE DOGS ARE HERE TOO,
ALL THESE YEARS, HASN'T HE?
HAS SLEPT LIKE THIS TOGETHER WITH HIS DOGS...

I KNOW WHY..
THERE WEREN'T ANY DOGS..
AMONG THE ANIMALS AT OUR FACILITY
HAD THERE BEEN ANY
IT WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT GENGORO-KUN'S SIDE...
DURING THAT FINAL TEST...
AND LAID DOWN ITS LIFE FOR HIM.


I'M SURE...
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN INCON-VENIENT...
FOR OUR TEACHERS.


WE HAVE TO EAT UP THE CROCODILE MEAT.
SHOULD I WARM IT UP AGAIN...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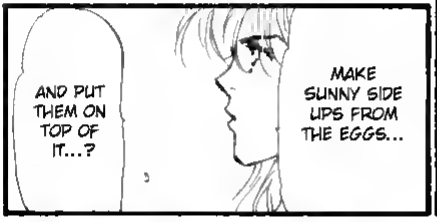
EXCEL-LENT.

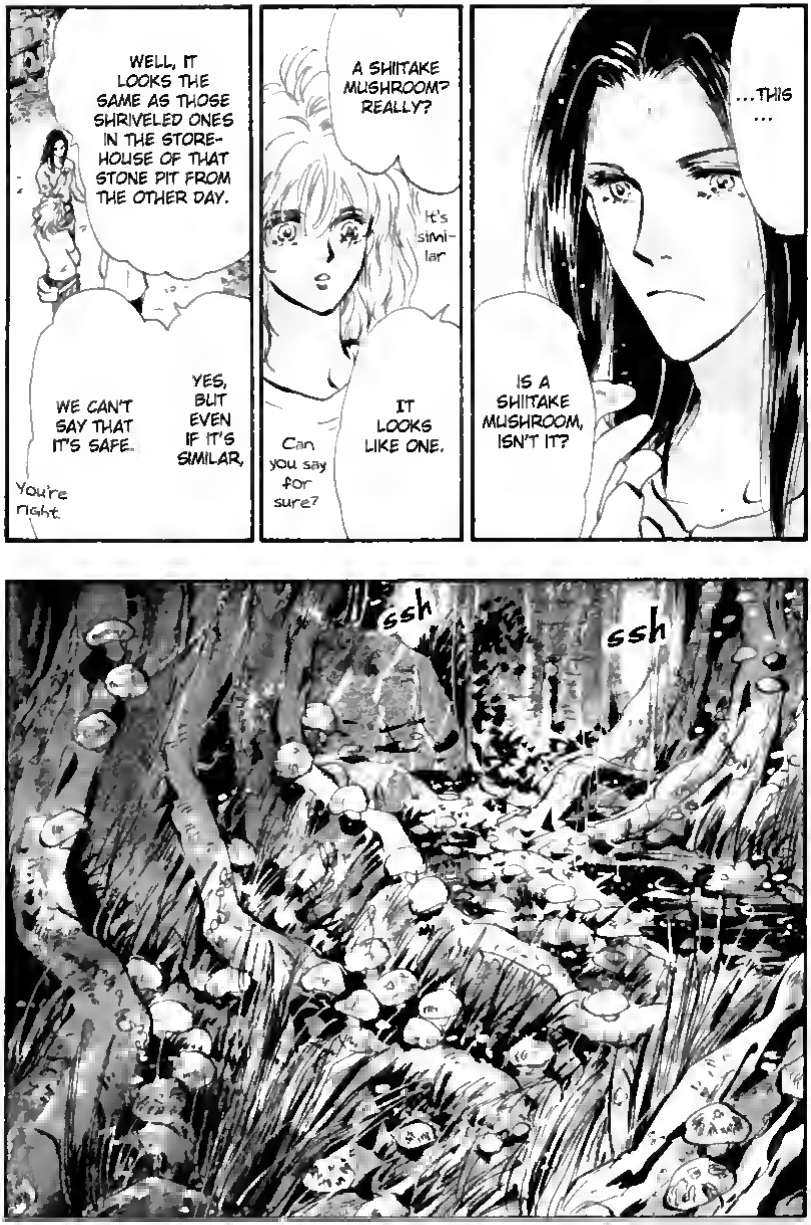

MAKE SUNNY SIDE UPS FROM THE EGGS...
AND PUT THEM ON TOP OF IT...?

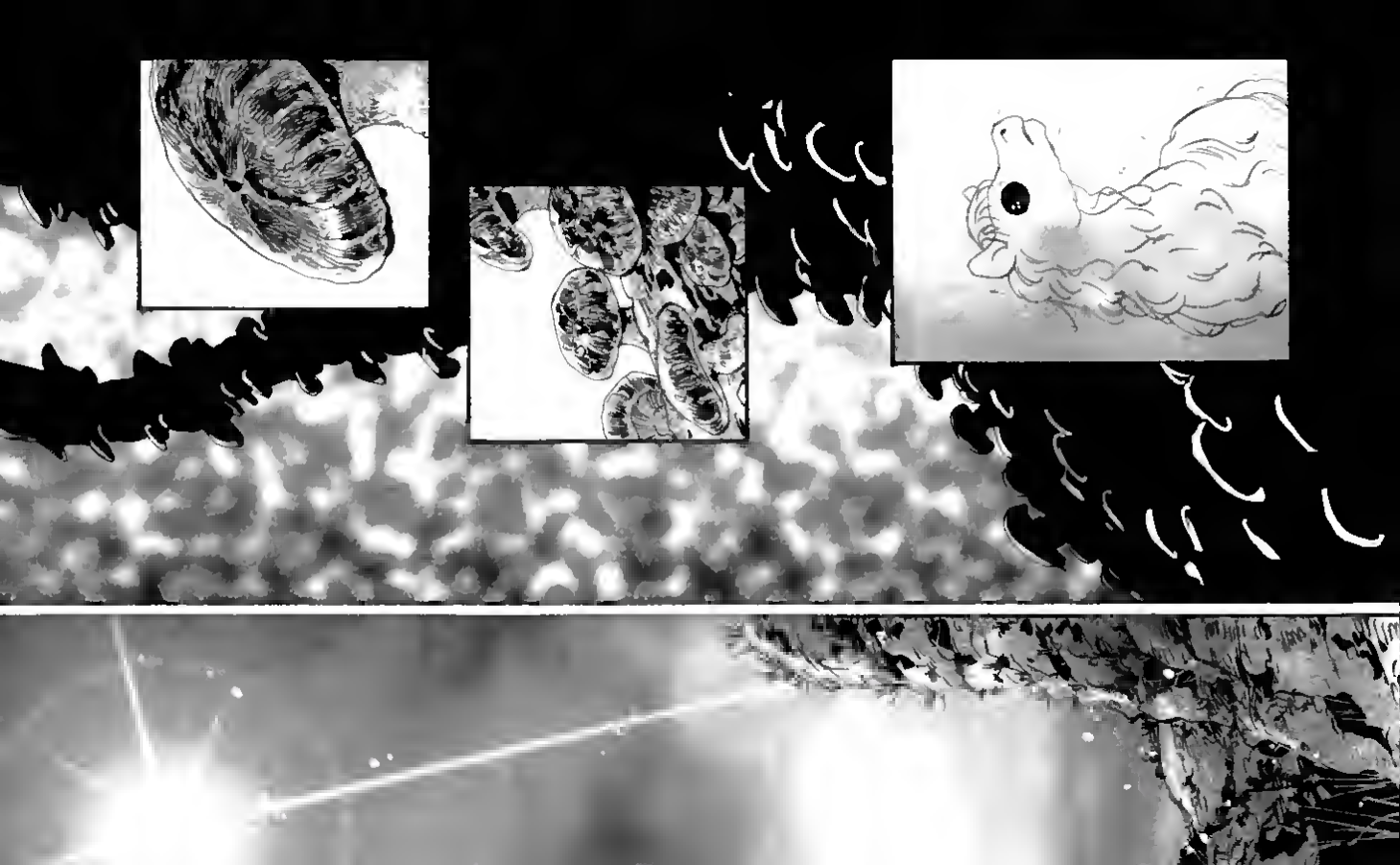
HUH?

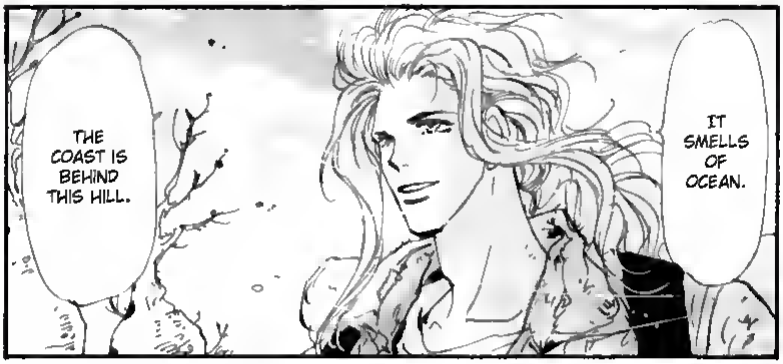
I NEED SOME-THING ELSE...
TO FLAVOR IT.

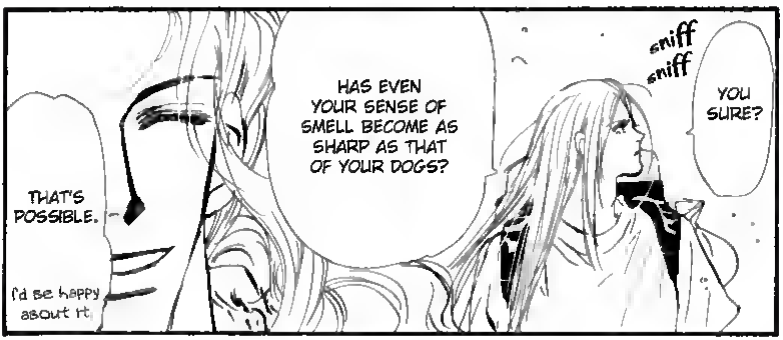
They're tiny how cute.
MUSH-ROOMS.
BUT MUSH-ROOMS...
ARE RISKY.
SO I WON'T TOUCH THEM.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY AROUND HERE
THAT'S RARE.
snort
snort
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO GO BACK TO YOUR HERD!
whinny
They might move.
IS IT...
WHAT'S WRONG?
SCARED OF SOME-THING?
tremble
tremble
tremble

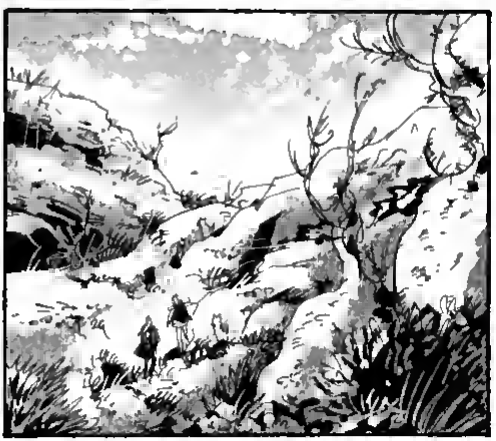
THE MUSH-ROOMS ...
MULTI-PLIED.
OH.
What should I cook today?
IT'D BE NICE IF THEY WERE EDIBLE.
We could sample a little, but I don't dare to
DO YOU THINK IT'S EDIBLE?
...SAY, HANA,
I brought one.
WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY UNTIL A WHILE AGO.
YES, THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY.
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I FOUND MUSH-ROOMS.


WELL, IT LOOKS THE SAME AS THOSE SHRIVELED ONES IN THE STORE-HOUSE OF THAT STONE PIT FROM THE OTHER DAY.
YES, BUT EVEN IF IT'S SIMILAR,
WE CAN'T SAY THAT IT'S SAFE.
You're right.
A SHIITAKE MUSHROOM? REALLY?
It's similar
IT LOOKS LIKE ONE.
Can you say for sure?
...THIS ...
IS A SHIITAKE MUSHROOM, ISN'T IT?
ssh
ssh









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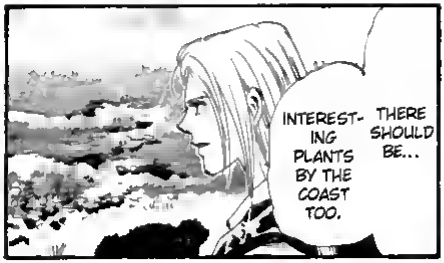
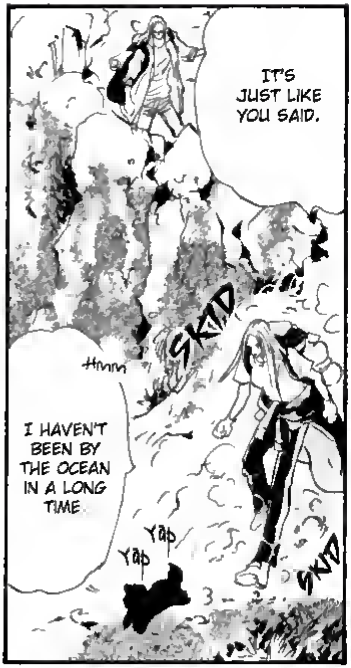
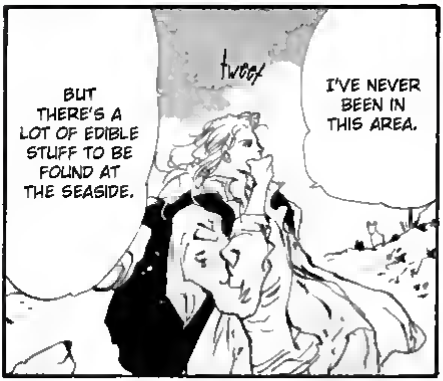

INTERESTING PLANTS BY THE COAST TOO.
THERE SHOULD BE...


IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
SKID
Hmm
I HAVEN'T BEEN BY THE OCEAN IN A LONG TIME.
Yap
Yap
SKID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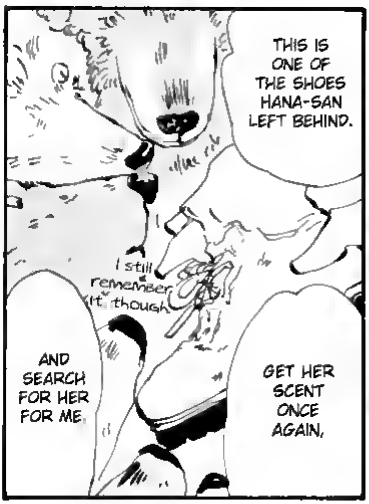
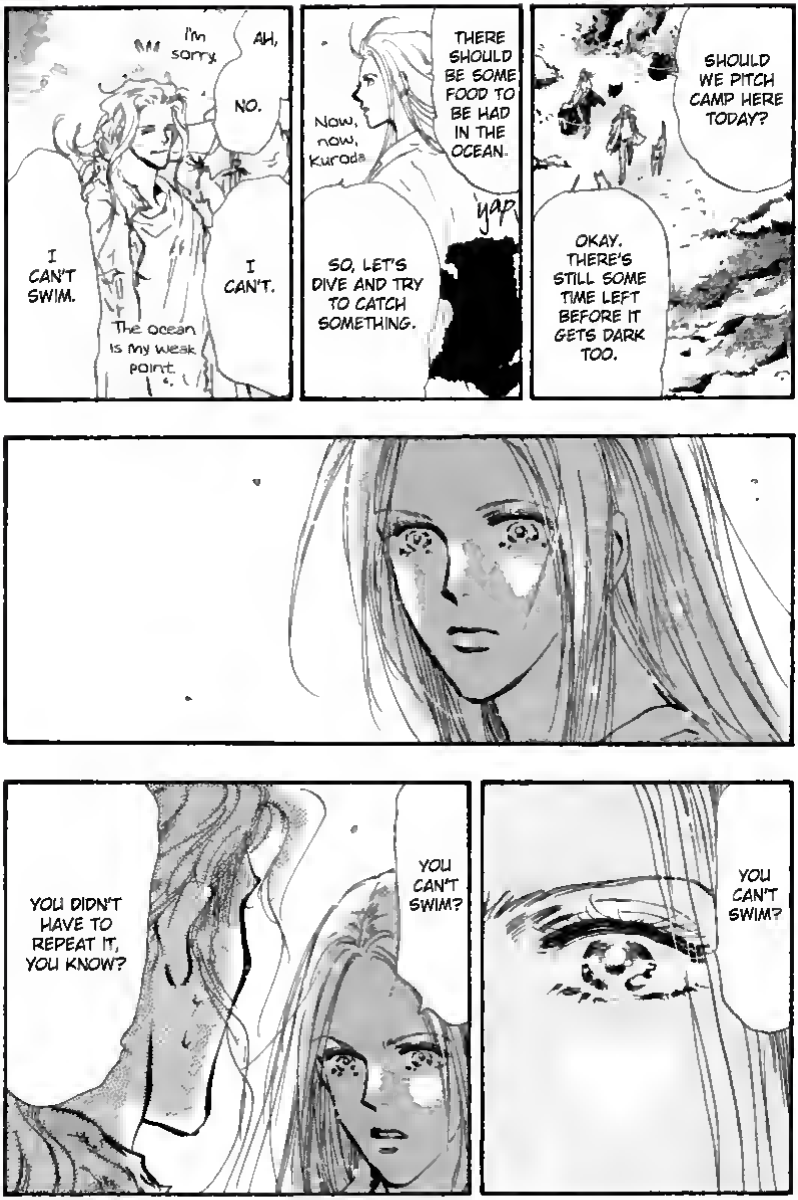
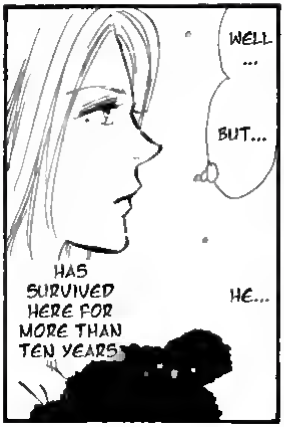
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THIS AREA.
BUT THERE'S A LOT OF EDIBLE STUFF TO BE FOUND AT THE SEASIDE.

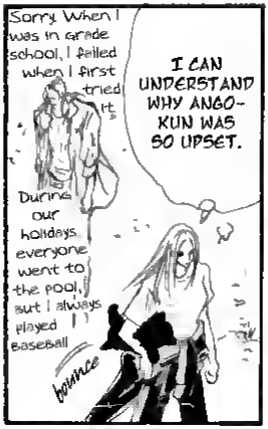

THIS IS ONE OF THE SHOES HANA-SAN LEFT BEHIND.
I still remember it though.
AND SEARCH FOR HER FOR ME.
GET HER SCENT ONCE AGAIN.

yap
yap
woof
woof
yap
woof

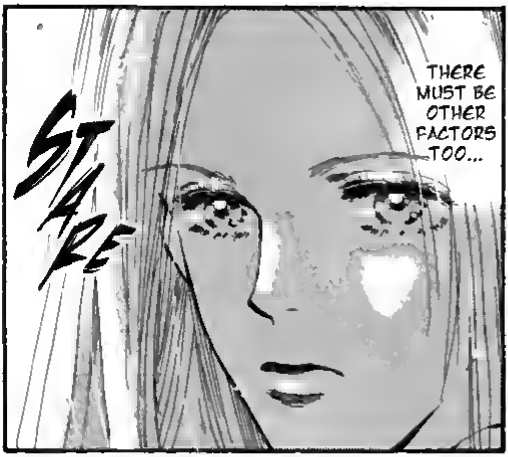
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT HANA-SAN IS STILL ALIVE?
yap
yap
yap
AS LONG ...
...AS I...
HAVEN'T SEEN HER DEAD BODY,
I THINK THAT IT'S POSSIBLE.
Hmm?
MAYBE ...
THAT'S JUST WISHFUL THINKING.

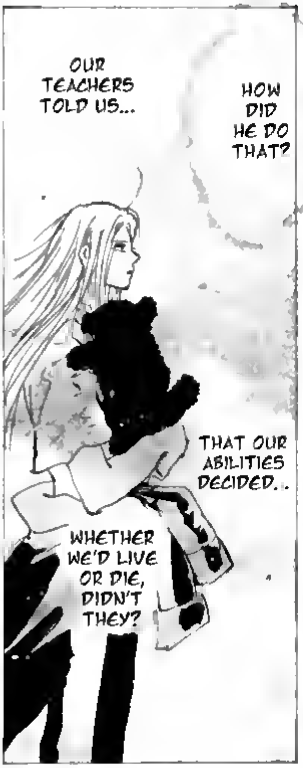

SHOULD WE PITCH CAMP HERE TODAY?
OKAY. THERE'S STILL SOME TIME LEFT BEFORE IT GETS DARK TOO.
THERE SHOULD BE SOME FOOD TO BE HAD IN THE OCEAN.
Now, now, Kuroda
yap
SO, LET'S DIVE AND TRY TO CATCH SOMETHING.
AH, I'm sorry.
NO.
I CAN'T SWIM.
I CAN'T.
The ocean is my weak point.
YOU CAN'T SWIM?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO REPEAT IT, YOU KNOW?
YOU CAN'T SWIM?


WELL ...
BUT...
HE...
HAS SURVIVED HERE FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS

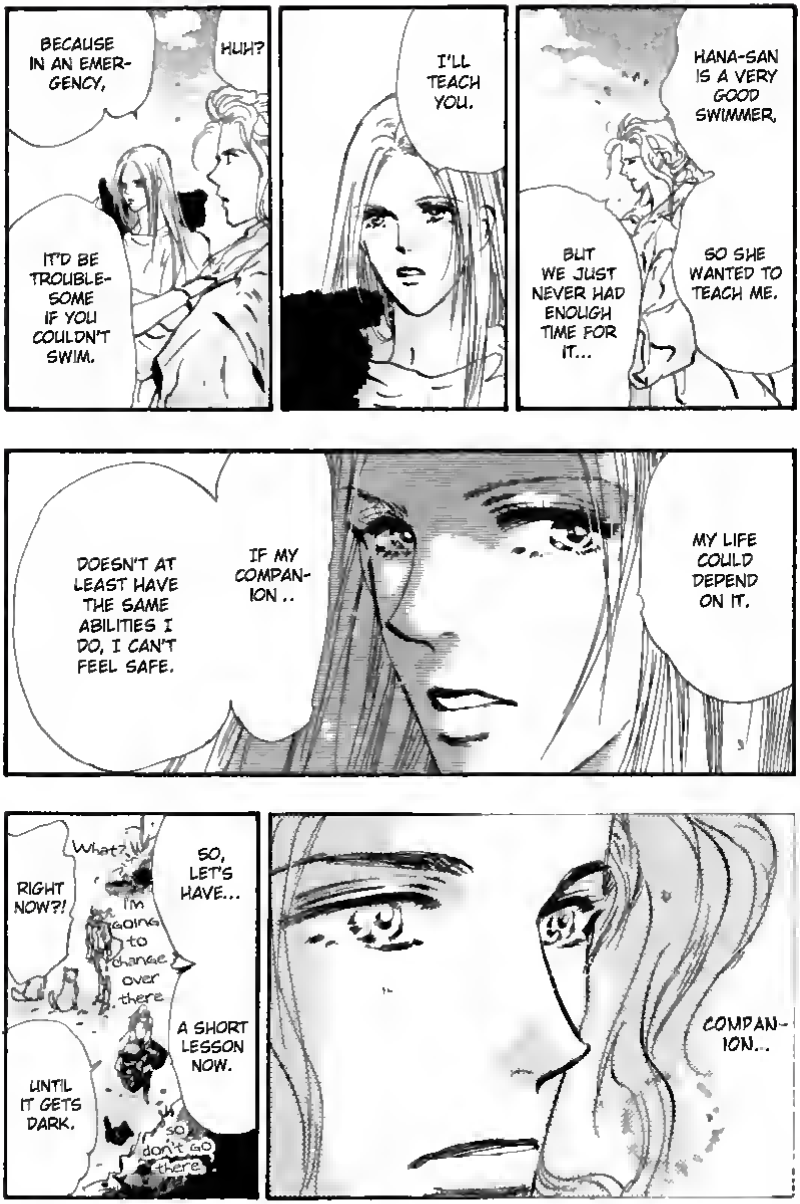

Sorry. When I was in grade school, I failed when I first tried it.
During our holidays everyone went to the pool, but I always played baseball
bounce
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY ANGO-KUN WAS SO UPSET.

I CAN'T BE-LIEVE IT!
That's pretty steep!
AND YOU COULD COME HERE GIVEN THAT?

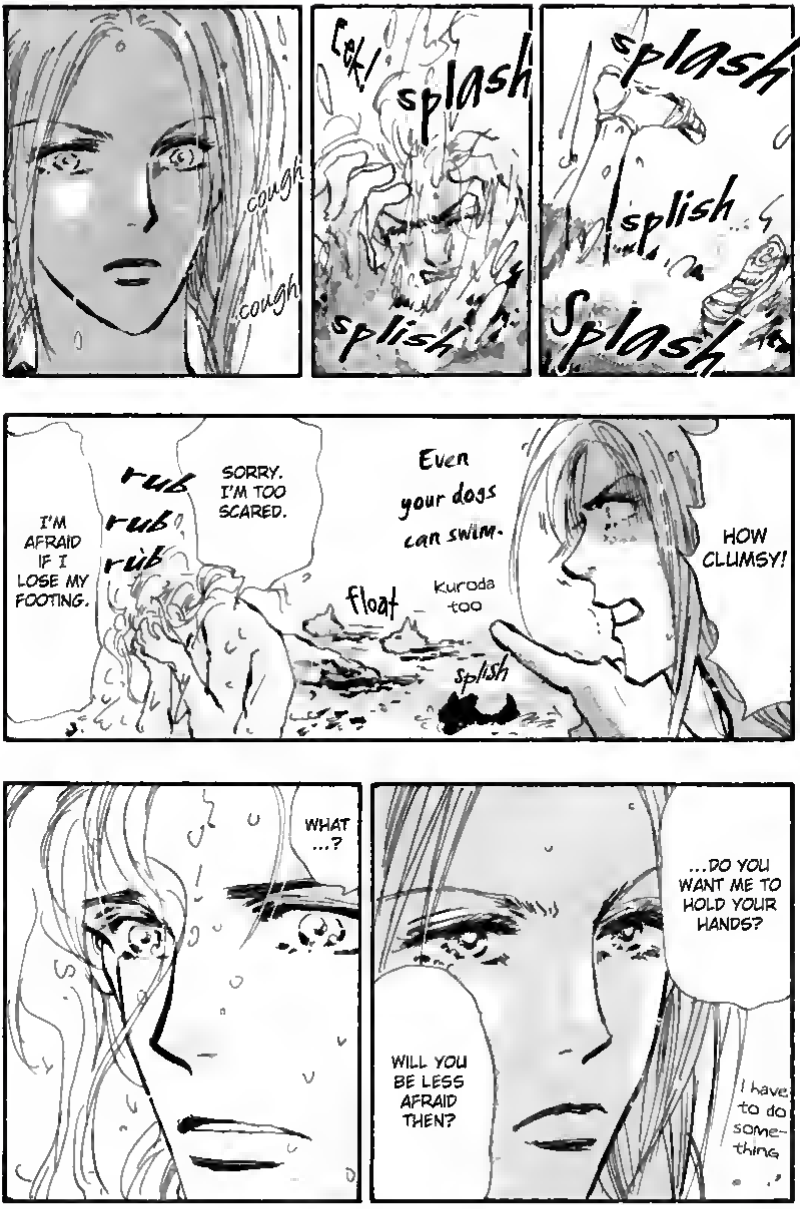

STARE
THERE MUST BE OTHER FACTORS TOO...

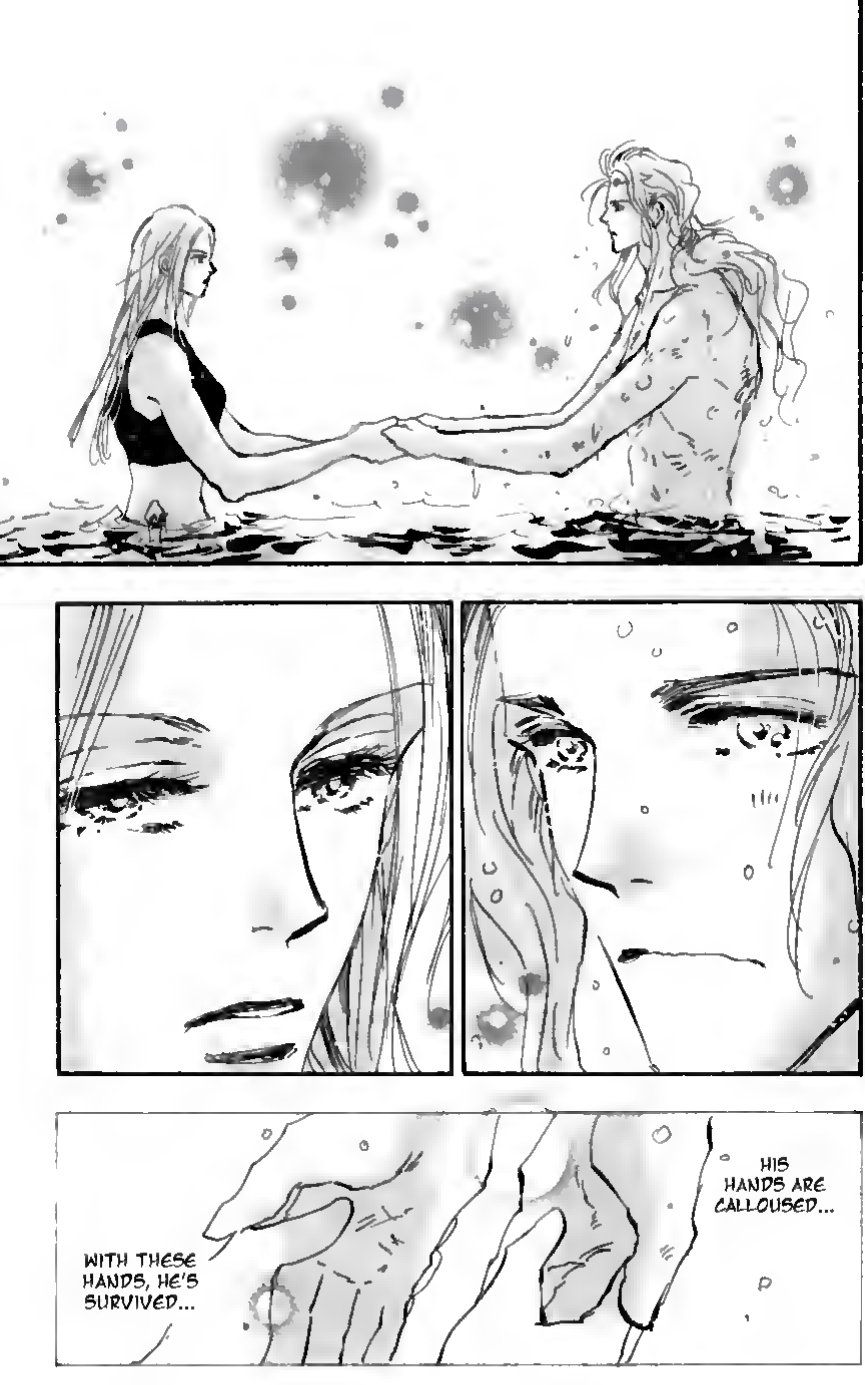

OUR TEACHERS TOLD US...
HOW DID HE DO THAT?
THAT OUR ABILITIES DECIDED..
WHETHER WE'D LIVE OR DIE, DIDN'T THEY?

I'M SORRY.
Steep, you say?
WH..
WHAT IS IT?

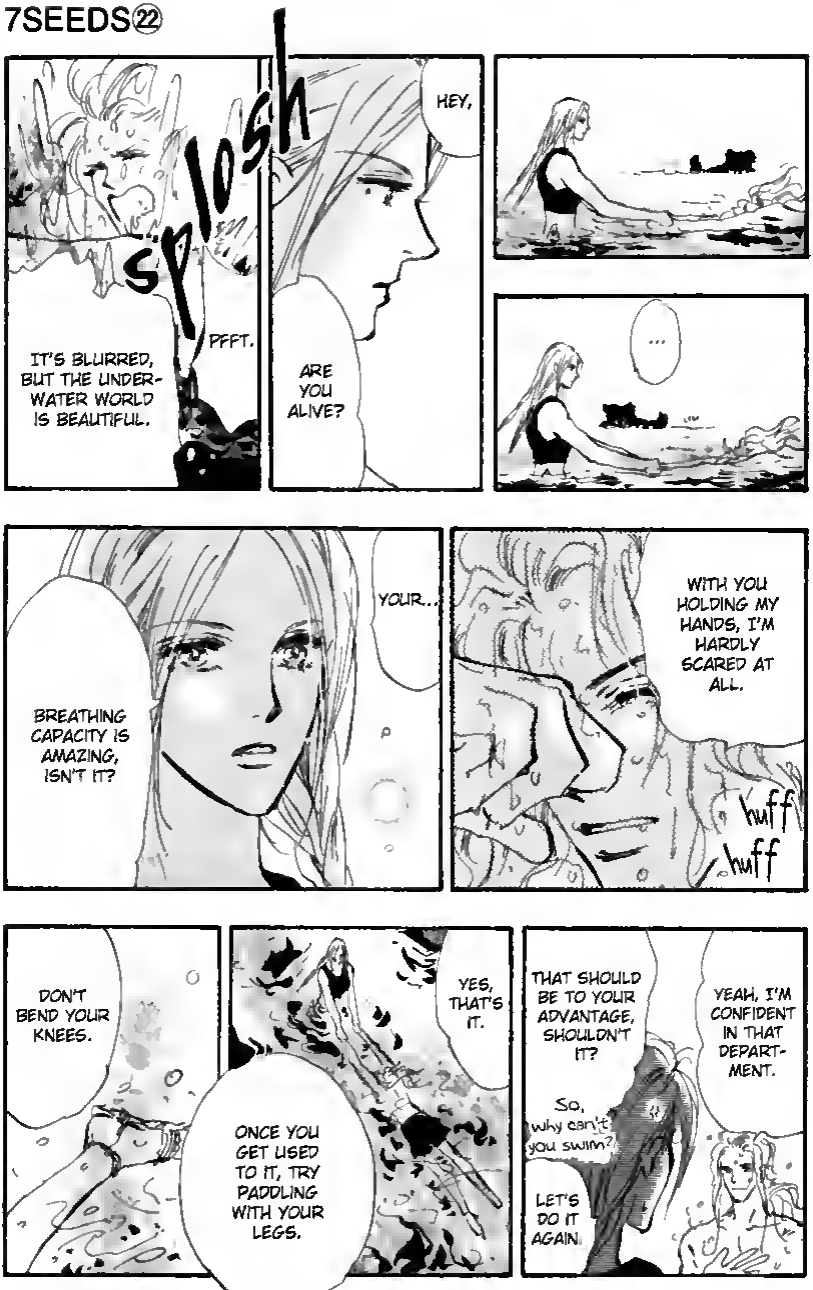

BECAUSE IN AN EMERGENCY,
HUH?
IT'D BE TROUBLESOME IF YOU COULDN'T SWIM.
I'LL TEACH YOU.
HANA-SAN IS A VERY GOOD SWIMMER,
SO SHE WANTED TO TEACH ME.
BUT WE JUST NEVER HAD ENOUGH TIME FOR IT...
DOESN'T AT LEAST HAVE THE SAME ABILITIES I DO, I CAN'T FEEL SAFE.
IF MY COMPANION..
MY LIFE COULD DEPEND ON IT.
RIGHT NOW?!
What?
I'm going to change over there
SO, LET'S HAVE...
A SHORT LESSON NOW.
UNTIL IT GETS DARK.
so don't go there.
COMPANION...

Whoa!
I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO LOOK.
But she's so cool
You can leave your sandals on, because you could get hurt.
THERE ARE SEVERAL TIDAL POOLS HERE,
SO LET'S GET YOU USED TO IT THERE FIRST.
yap
Well, all of my clothes are in tatters anyway.
Will you go for a swim?
Are you going to swim?
WILL SHORTS DO...?
I DON'T HAVE ANY SWIMMING TRUNKS.
To begin with,
YEAH, I GUESS SO...
TRY IT.
CAN YOU AT LEAST FLOAT?
CAN YOU DIP YOUR FACE INTO THE WATER?

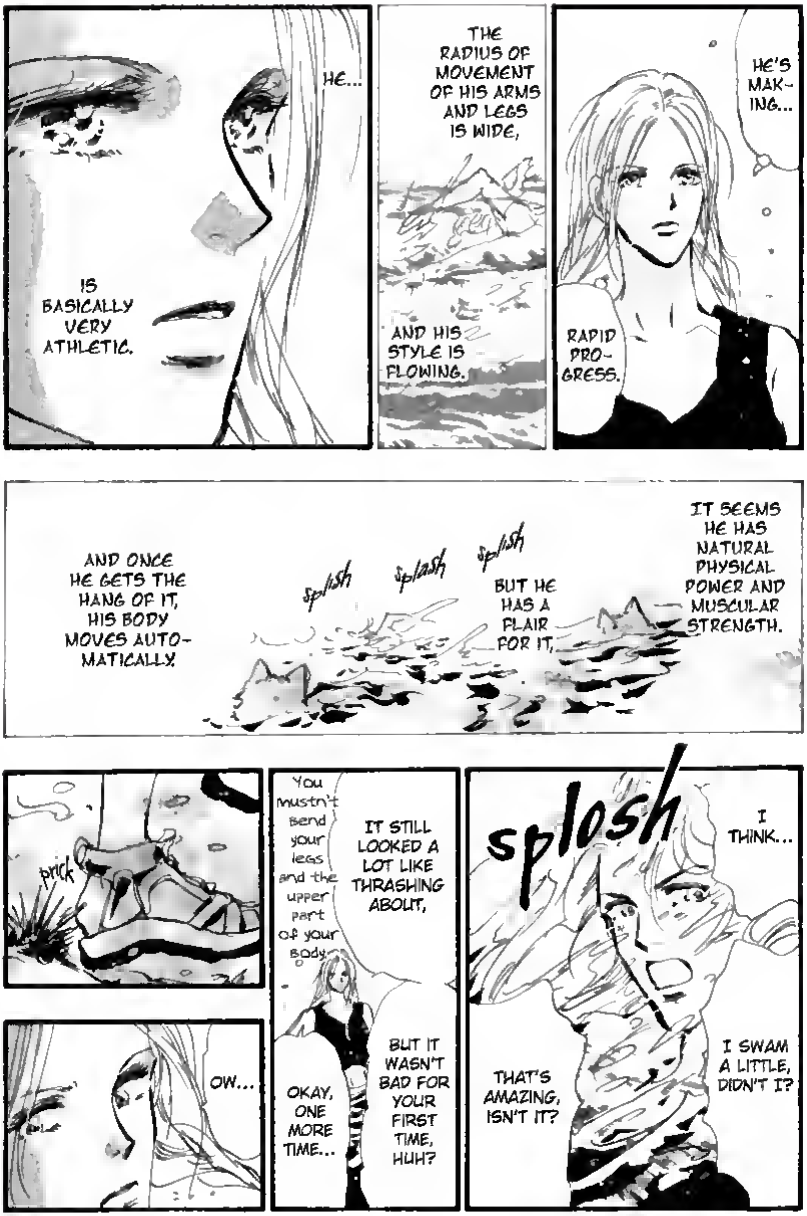

cough
cough
Eek!
splash
splish
splash
splish
Splash
I'M AFRAID IF I LOSE MY FOOTING.
rub
rub
rub
SORRY. I'M TOO SCARED.
Even your dogs can swim.
float
Kuroda too
splish
HOW CLUMSY!
WHAT ...?
WILL YOU BE LESS AFRAID THEN?
...DO YOU WANT ME TO HOLD YOUR HANDS?
I have to do something


HIS HANDS ARE CALLOUSED...
WITH THESE HANDS, HE'S SURVIVED...

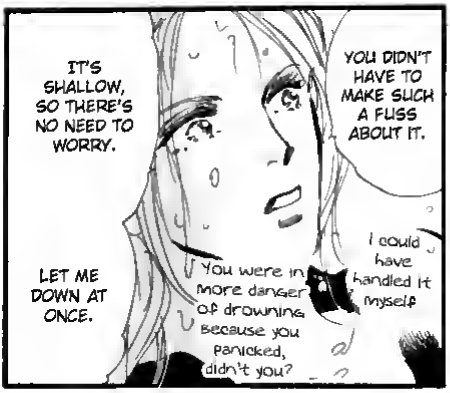
DON'T TENSE YOUR BODY,
AND ENTRUST YOUR WEIGHT TO THE WATER.
THEN, YOU SHOULD FLOAT BY YOURSELF.
PLEASE STOP STROKING MY PALMS. It sent a jolt through me.
OH?
I'M SORRY.
NOW, LET'S TRY IT AGAIN.
TRY TO OPEN YOUR EYES.
AND LOOSEN UP YOUR ARM MUSCLES.
blubb
blubb
HE HAS A BIG SCAR ON HIS BACK.
THAT'S FROM WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY A BEAST, I SUPPOSE...
RELAX.
WH... OA...!

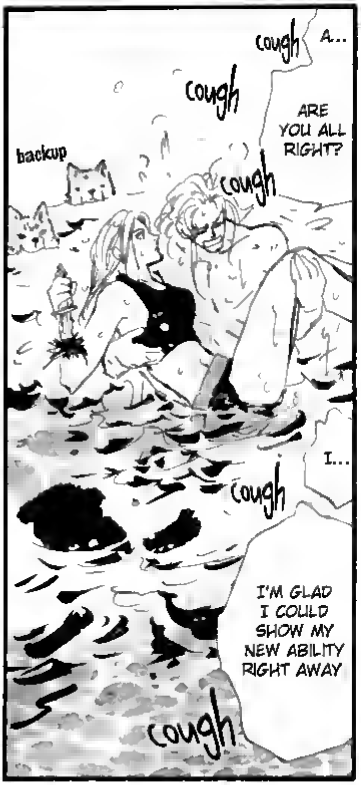

splosh
IT'S BLURRED, BUT THE UNDER-WATER WORLD IS BEAUTIFUL.
PFFT.
HEY,
ARE YOU ALIVE?
...
BREATHING CAPACITY IS AMAZING, ISN'T IT?
YOUR...
WITH YOU HOLDING MY HANDS, I'M HARDLY SCARED AT ALL.
huff huff
DON'T BEND YOUR KNEES.
ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT, TRY PADDLING WITH YOUR LEGS.
YES, THAT'S IT.
THAT SHOULD BE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE, SHOULDN'T IT?
So, why can't you swim?
LET'S DO IT AGAIN.
YEAH, I'M CONFIDENT IN THAT DEPART-MENT.

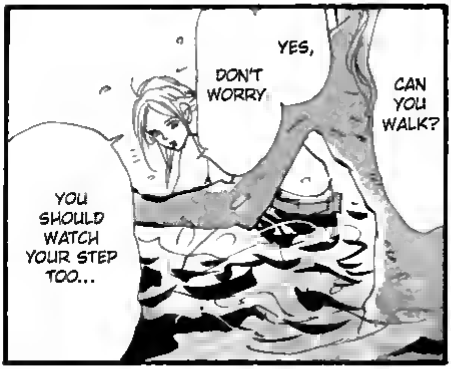
VERY GOOD.
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE READY, LET'S GO INTO THE OPEN SEA.
DON'T WORRY, I'VE GOT YOU.
SEE,
YOU'RE MOVING FORWARD EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING, RIGHT?
ONE MORE TIME.
TAKE IT EASY ...
GOOD. EQUALLY FIRM ON BOTH SIDES.
JUST HOLD YOUR BREATH FOR NOW.
I'LL LET GO OF YOUR HANDS.
NOW, PADDLE WITH YOUR ARMS TOO..
DON'T BEND YOUR WRISTS.


HE...
IS BASICALLY VERY ATHLETIC.
THE RADIUS OF MOVEMENT OF HIS ARMS AND LEGS IS WIDE,
AND HIS STYLE IS FLOWING.
HE'S MAK-ING...
RAPID PRO-GRESS.
AND ONCE HE GETS THE HANG OF IT, HIS BODY MOVES AUTO-MATICALLY.
splish
splash
splish
BUT HE HAS A FLAIR FOR IT,
IT SEEMS HE HAS NATURAL PHYSICAL POWER AND MUSCULAR STRENGTH.
prick
OW...
You mustn't bend your legs and the upper part of your body.
IT STILL LOOKED A LOT LIKE THRASHING ABOUT,
BUT IT WASN'T BAD FOR YOUR FIRST TIME, HUH?
OKAY, ONE MORE TIME...
splosh
I THINK...
I SWAM A LITTLE, DIDN'T I?
THAT'S AMAZING, ISN'T IT?

SPLASH
AYU-SAN!
blubb
PLUNGE


IT'S SHALLOW, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A FUSS ABOUT IT.
LET ME DOWN AT ONCE.
You were in more danger of drowning because you panicked, didn't you?
I could have handled it myself


cough
A...
cough
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
backup
cough
I...
cough
I'M GLAD I COULD SHOW MY NEW ABILITY RIGHT AWAY
cough

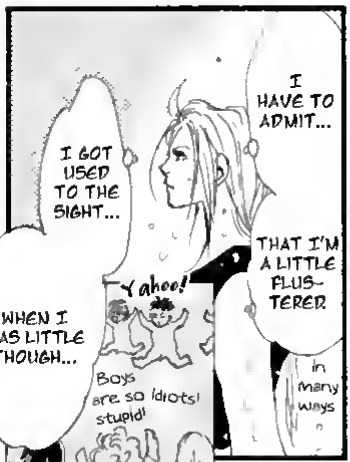

YES, DON'T WORRY.
CAN YOU WALK?
YOU SHOULD WATCH YOUR STEP TOO...

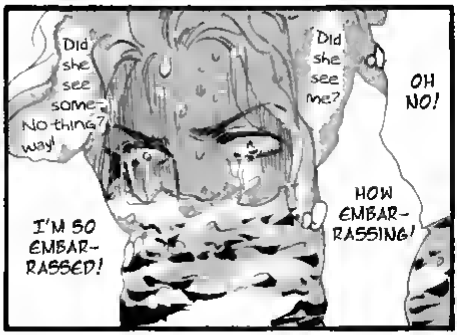
YOU LOST YOUR SHORTS, YOU KNOW?

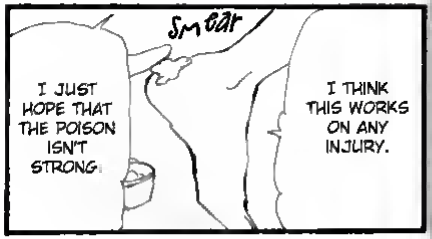
I wish the earth
THAT'S SO COOL.
would swallow me up
BUT SHE NEVER LOSES HER CALM.

pfft
tee hee
hee
ANY-WAY,
THANK YOU.

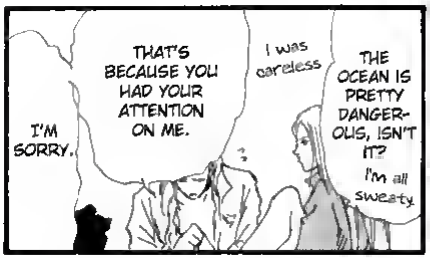
UH.
Here
Thanks

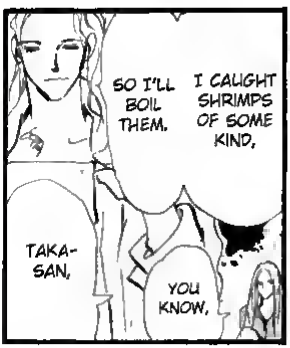

I HAVE TO ADMIT...
I GOT USED TO THE SIGHT...
THAT I'M A LITTLE FLUS-TERER
in many ways
Yahoo!
WHEN I WAS LITTLE THOUGH...
Boys are so idiots! stupid!


Did she see some-thing? No way!
Did she see me?
OH NO!
I'M SO EMBAR-RASSED!
HOW EMBAR-RASSING!

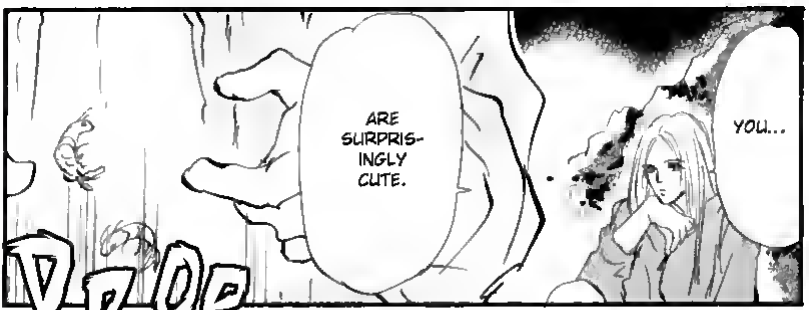

Smear
I JUST HOPE THAT THE POISON ISN'T STRONG.
I THINK THIS WORKS ON ANY INJURY.

BUT...
IT WASN'T AN UN-PLEASANT FEELING...
EVEN THOUGH HE HELD ME IN HIS ARMS, NAKED


I'M SORRY.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAD YOUR ATTENTION ON ME.
I was careless
THE OCEAN IS PRETTY DANGER-OUS, ISN'T IT?
I'm all sweaty

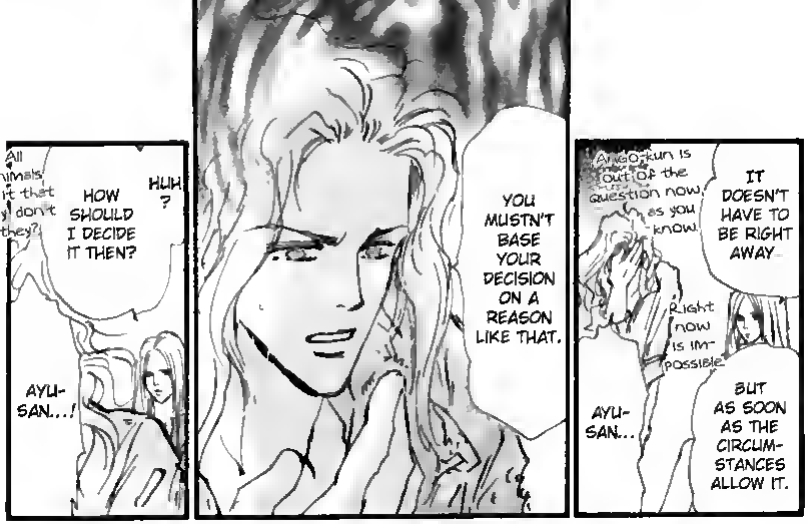

TAKA-SAN,
YOU KNOW,
SO I'LL BOIL THEM.
I CAUGHT SHRIMPS OF SOME KIND,

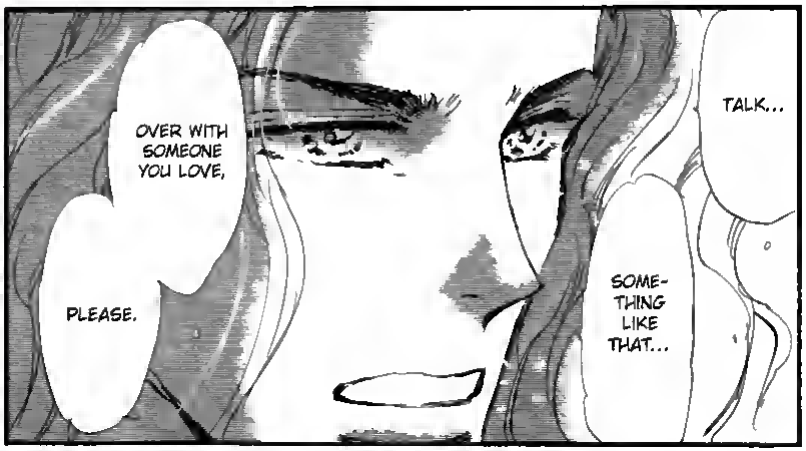
I'LL TAKE CARE OF OUR DINNER.
PLEASE TAKE SOME REST.
Let me know if your condition gets worse, please.
Let's wait and see how you do
HIS MEDICAL TREAT-MENT IS ACCURATE TOO.


ARE SURPRIS-INGLY CUTE.
YOU...
DROP

I'm still the way I was back then.
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN LIVING ON MY OWN,
And I didn't come in contact with anyone.
I DIDN'T MATURE.
MY INNER SELF HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL...
...I'M SORRY...
I ONLY GREW OLDER IN LOOKS.
ABOUT THAT.
I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A MORE MATURE AND COMPOSED GUY.
NO,
HUH?!
What? What do you mean? You mean "it"?
BUT YOU AREN'T.
But that's no good. I have to grow up
THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES...
BY MITSURU-SAN TOO
TAKA-KUN, YOU'RE SO CUTE.
THAT REMINDS ME, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CALLED "CUTE"...
IN OUR OLD WORLD AS WELL.
No one ever said I was cool, or something
TAKA-SAN,
...LISTEN,

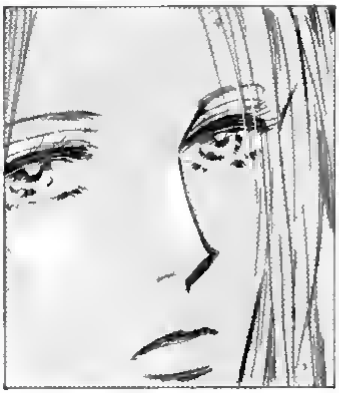
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME MY PARTNER, THEN?
DROP
I'LL HAVE BABIES LATER ON TOO.
SO,
I'D LIKE TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE GENES TO BE HAD.
YOU SEEM TO BE THE BEST CHOICE.
AMONG THE PEOPLE I'VE MET SO FAR,
THIS COMING FROM?
You startled me!
WHA ...
WHERE'S ...
IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T WANT TO...
YOU SEE,
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, THAT'S OKAY OF COURSE.

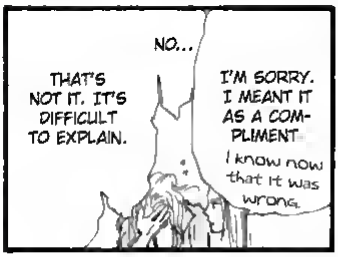

All animals do it that way, don't they?
HOW SHOULD I DECIDE IT THEN?
HUH?
AYU-SAN...!
YOU MUSTN'T BASE YOUR DECISION ON A REASON LIKE THAT.
Angokun is out of the question now, as you know.
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RIGHT AWAY.
Right now is impossible.
AYU-SAN...
BUT AS SOON AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOW IT.

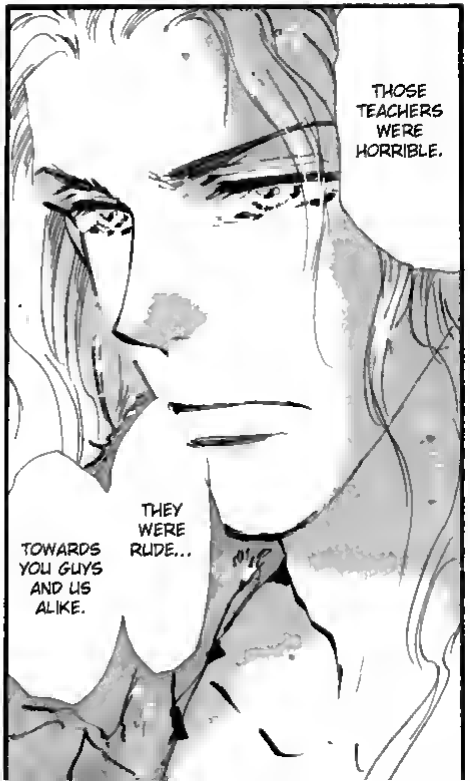

OVER WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE,
PLEASE.
TALK...
SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

I have to go back this far?
LOVE?
AYU-SAN...
I know the word, though

I SEE...
YOU GUYS FROM TEAM SUMMER A...
DIDN'T HAVE ANY FAMILIES...
THEY NEVER CAME IN CONTACT WITH FAMILY AFFECTION, EITHER...
YEAH.
WE WERE RAISED BY OUR TEACHERS.
YOU WERE TAUGHT THAT BY YOUR TEACHERS?
TO PROCREATE LIKE THAT?
RIGHT.
By Unami




NO...
THAT'S NOT IT. IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN.
I'M SORRY. I MEANT IT AS A COMPLIMENT
I know now that it was wrong.

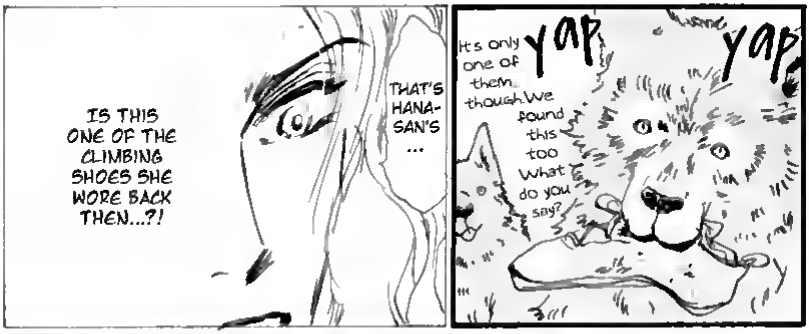

THOSE TEACHERS WERE HORRIBLE.
THEY WERE RUDE...
TOWARDS YOU GUYS AND US ALIKE.

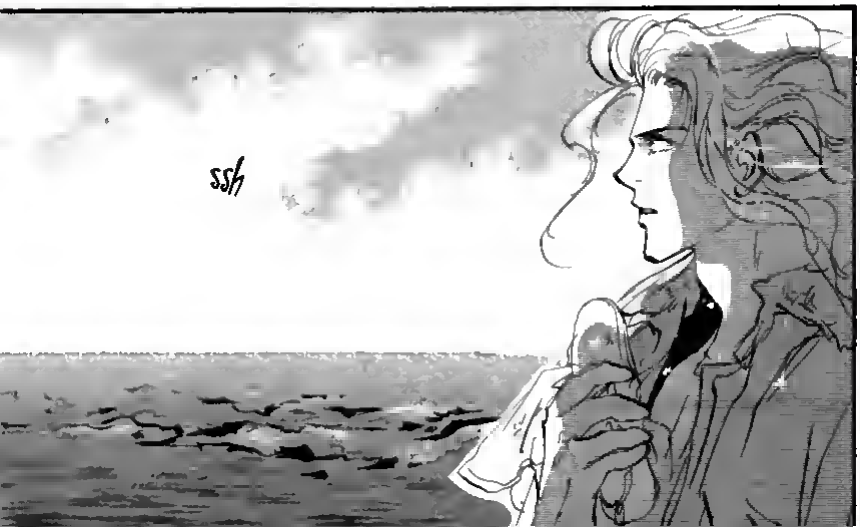
IF...
THERE'S SOMEONE WHO'S IMPORTANT TO YOU,
SOMEONE YOU DON'T...
WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM,
AND WHO YOU UNCONDITIONALLY LIKE...
AND WANT TO HOLD...
CAPTURE HIM, PLEASE.
THERE'S BEEN SOME VEGETABLES WHICH I GREW THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO ME.
Yes.
THAT'S A WONDERFUL THING TOO.
But I know that that wasn't love.
.....
I SEE.
IS HANA-SAN...
THE PERSON YOU LOVE?
.....
THAT'S ...A LITTLE...
DIFFERENT, I GUESS
HANA-SAN ALREADY HAS SOMEONE SHE LOVES.

I'VE FELT...
SOME-THING LIKE ADMIRA-TION,
A SENSE OF DUTY,
OR A PREMONI-TION OF FATE.
I'VE ...
NEVER..
REALLY BEEN IN LOVE WITH ANYONE, EITHER
AH...
I'M SORRY.
I'M ...
IN NO POSITION TO TALK SO BIG.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I GUESS SO...
IT'S DIFFICULT IN MANY WAYS...
pat pat
whine
whine

IS YOUR FOOT REALLY OKAY?
YES, ABSO-LUTELY.
It doesn't hurt anymore, and it isn't red, either
ssh
ssh
ssh
BECAUSE WE HAD A CONVERSATION SUCH AS THAT LAST NIGHT.
I MUSTN'T BE NERVOUS AND SELF-CONSCIOUS...
woof
woof
woof
yap
yap
yap
yap
woof
DID...
YOU FIND SOME-THING?
woof
woof
woof
DE-REK,
WHAT'S UP?

IS THIS...
THE ONE I PURPOSELY THREW INTO THE UNDER-GROUND RIVER WHERE HANA-SAN WAS WASHED AWAY...?
MY HAND-KERCHIEF?
woof
woof
woof


IS THIS ONE OF THE CLIMBING SHOES SHE WORE BACK THEN...?!
THAT'S HANA-SAN'S ...
It's only one of them though. We found this too. What do you say?
yap
yap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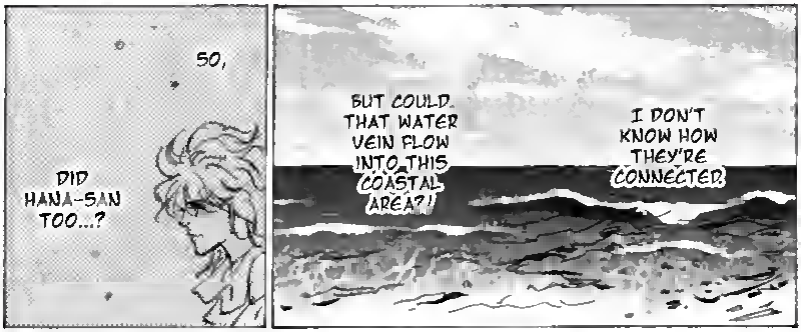
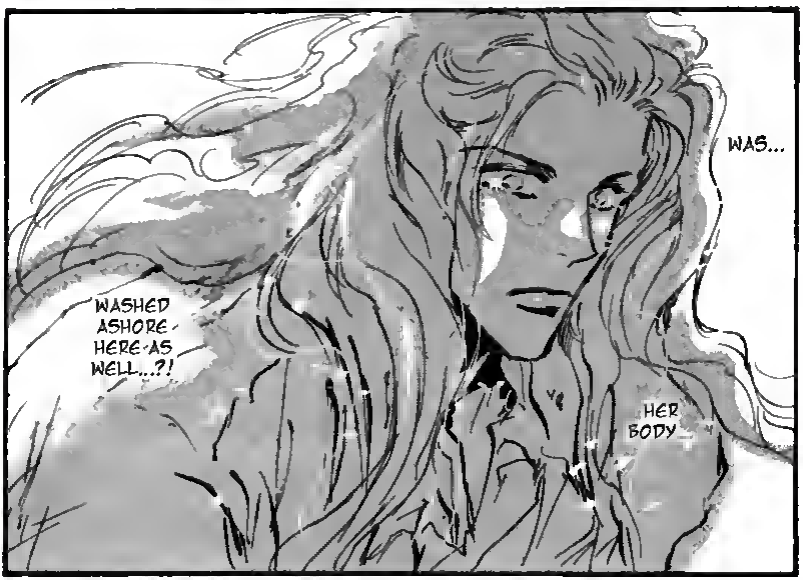

SO,
DID HANA-SAN TOO...?
BUT COULD THAT WATER VEIN FLOW INTO THIS COASTAL AREA?!
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY'RE CONNECTED.


WAS...
WASHED ASHORE HERE AS WELL...?!
HER BODY

LOOK.
TAKA-SAN,
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY KNEW THE RULE TO BURY IT PROPERLY TOO.
THERE ARE REMAINS OF A CAMPFIRE.

BESIDES, THERE ARE A LOT...
OF EMPTY SHELLS.
It's a shell heap!
THESE MUSSELS ARE EDIBLE.
SOME-ONE WAS HERE.
IT MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN HANA-SAN.
BUT I THINK THE ODDS ARE THAT IT WAS HER.
PER-HAPS...
SHE WAS WASHED ASHORE, ALIVE.

woof
WHAT'S WRONG?
DID YOU CATCH HANA-SAN'S SCENT?
woof
woof
woof
woof
woof
yap
yap
yap
yap
yap
yap
LET'S FOLLOW THEM.
MAYBE WE'LL MEET HER.
AYU-SAN.
This way!
woof
woof

BUT NO MATTER HOW SIMILAR THEY ARE TO SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS,
I'D BE HAPPY IF THEY WERE EDIBLE.
I DON'T DARE TO SAMPLE THEM...
Yeah.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
It's a mushroom forest
THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE IT'S THEIR SEASON NOW.
THE MUSHROOMS...
HAVE MULTIPLIED ENORMOUSLY.
THESE LOOK LIKE SHIMEJI MUSHROOMS.
OH, THE MUSHROOMS INCREASED IN NUMBER AGAIN.
WE...
WE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS USUAL FOR THIS PLACE.
AT FIRST,
I'd like to eat a mountain of mushrooms
WE DIDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT AT ALL.
ONLY WONDERED AT HOW ONLY THE SAME SORTS GREW HERE.
There are three sorts.
They look like Shiitake mushrooms. Shimeji mushrooms and Kinoki mushrooms
They look tasty
AND THAT EACH KIND OF MUSHROOM USUALLY ONLY GREW ON A PARTICULAR TREE.

You're still an early bird.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, CHISA-CHAN?
SOME-THING IS STRANGE...
uh
uh
WAKE UP, YOU TWO.
PLEASE WAKE UP.
tremble
tremble
tremble
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IT'S QUIET, ISN'T IT?
USUALLY THE ANIMALS MAKE A LOT OF NOISE.
Hmm
STRANGE?
THE ATMOSPHERE IS DIFFERENT, SOMEHOW...
gasp
HANA...
gasp
SHOULD WE HAVE A LOOK AROUND THE NEIGHBOUR-HOOD...?

NO WAY...
THIS MANY ...?

THAT THIS WAS ABNORMAL.

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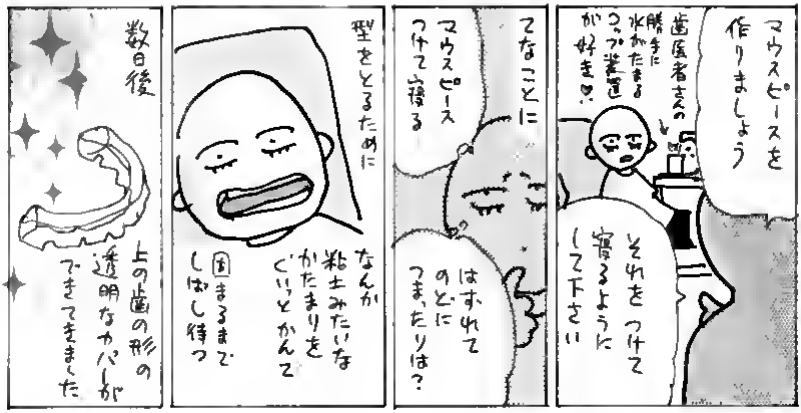
マウスピースを作りましょう
歯医者さんの
勝手に水がたまるうがい装置が好きw
それをつけて寝るようにして下さい
てなことに
マウスピースつけて寝る
はずれてのどにつまったりは？
型をとるために
なんか粘土みたいなかたまりをぐいっとかんで
固まるまでしばし待つ
数日後
上の歯の形の透明なカバーができてきました

上の歯にぱこっとはまる
ぴったりなのでカンタンにはずれません
なんだかおもしろい

はじめは違和感があったけど
すぐ慣れた
ありがたや
歯をくいしばって寝てるけど
ぐうぐう
(その原因はわからない)
夕クッションになっていいのかしら
穴がありたら
また作りますね
もし日ごろ歯をくいしばっているかたがいろいろしたら
歯医者さんに言ってみて下さい
起きてる時もつけてるといいらしいよ
つけてない…けど
歯は大事に
ではではまたねー
つづきもよろしくおねがいいたします

田村由美